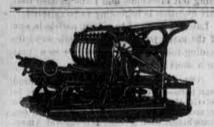
## The Gloomfield Cimes.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, February 11, 1873.



Another Railroad meeting will be held in the Court House on Wednesday evening of this week. Will you be

JUDGE WOODS, of Mifflin county, died at his residence in Lewistown, on Wednesday

SENATOR CAMERON, was taken seriously ill at Willard's botel, on Thursday evening

Ex-Gov. GEARY died while eating break fast on Saturday morning last. His death was supposed to be caused by heart dis-

THE inauguration of Governor Hartranft cost the State \$3,000. A joint resolution for the payment of the expenses incurred on that occasion was passed last week.

A RILL has been introduced in the House providing for the erection of a bridge from Duncan's Island over the Juniata. A bill has also been introduced by Mr. Shuler, providing for the appointment of commissioners to lay out and open a State road from Maryaville to a point at or near the farm of Nathan Collier, in Penu township.

The Franking Privilege.

Some of our exchanges seem to think that the bill repealing the franking privilege also cuts off the privilege of newspacr exchanges and compels the pre-payment of the postage on all papers sent out of the county. Such would have been the effect of the bill that passed the house, but the bill as amended by the Senate is entirely different, and we fail to see how it effects any person except those heretofore enjoying the privilege of "franking" their mail matter. The following is a copy of the bill which has received the approval of the President :

Be it enacted etc., That the franking privilege be, and the same hereby is abolished from after the 1st of July, 1873, and henceforth all official correspondence, of what-ever nature, and all other mailable matter sent from or addressed to any officer of the Government, or to any person now author-ized to frank such matter, shall be chargeable with the same rates of postage as may be lawfully imposed upon like matter sent by or addressed to other persons: Provided, That no compensation or allowance shall now or hereafter be made to Senators, or members and delegates of the House of Representatives on account of postage.

A BILL is before the Legislature, "for the protection of the people against quackery and crime." It provides that the county medical societies of each county shall elect five censors, whose duty it shall be to reg ister, and, if they think proper, to examine all persons professing to practice medicine, surgery or midwifery, and to grant to them certificates which are to be duly recorded; without such certificates it shall be unlawful to practice in the county.

The above bill is one that ought not to pass. It virtually prohibits all from practicing medicine who do not hold to the same theory as the majority of physicians in a county. No matter how well qualified for the practice of his profession, the society might refuse bim admittance as a member, as they would if he did not claim to be an Allopathy, and the censors would therefore refuse him a certificate. Why not as well refuse all persons the privilege of editing a newspaper without the approval of other papers in the county? or forbid any person from opening a drug store till he gets a certificate from those who are to be his competitors in case the certificate is granted?

#### The Late Railroad Accident.

The Williamsport Register gives the following account of the accident which occurred on the Philadelphia and Eric railroad on Tuesday and resulted in the death of an engineer and wounding of two others. The express east left Renovo a little late that morning. At 7:15, when about one mile east of "Richies," she struck a snow slide which threw the engine baggage car and two coaches from the track-the two former being thrown down an embankment into the river. The engineer, Mr. William E. Denney, was killed and Thomas Johnson, express messenger and Mr. Parks, the fireman, both slightly injured. No one else sustained any injuries. No damage was caused to the train except to the engine and baggage car.

On the 3d the Chief of Police of Baltimore arrested George O. Savage in San Francisco, on a warrant charging him with embezzling \$4,000 of the funds of the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Two Terrible Explosions.

At Pittsburg on Monday of last week four boilers in the iron works of Jones & Loughton exploded. The explosion was so tremendous that three sections of the building, of some fifteen feet each, were completely shattered, the roof being carried completely away and scattered in all directions. There were about 300 laborers employed in the mill at the time the explosion occurred, and for a time it seemed as though a very large number had been killed or wounded by the steam or the fragments of the boilers, which were sent in various directions. The greatest consternation prevailed, and the most extravagant rumors were set affoat. Immediate steps were taken to relieve the injured who were still alive, and recover the dead.

At about the same hour a boiler in Wood Bro's Rolling Mill, at Conshohocken, a village on the Schuylkill near Philadelphia, also exploded, causing the walls to tumble down and burying in the ruins a number of workmen. Half of the boiler which was an old one and recently patched up, was carried some three hundred feet and buried itself in the Albion print works. Here two boys were killed, one literally cut in two. Five men in the iron works were also killed and fifteen injured.

#### Murder and Suicide.

At Washington on the 4th inst., the cry of murder attracted the attention of the police, and on proceeding to the Thirteenth street, they saw a man with his throat cut from ear to ear, and also his wife and children suffering from loss of blood. The woman of the house, in answer to inquiries, said :

"The gentleman, Mr. Handgrove, is my brother, and from Nelson county, Virginia, and during General Sheridan's raid, lost everything by being burned out. Since then he has been embarrassed, and found it difficult to get along. Being out of business, he came to this city a short time ago trying to get something to do, and not suc-ceeding, he has been in a melancholy mood for some days. Sir, he is evidently insane, for he asserted the other day, when reading the Wharton trial, that he was the one who poisoned Van Ness, and not Mrs. Wharton; but at the same time, though the remark was strange, nothing more was thought of it until this unfortunate affair.

On an examination by physicians, it was found the wife and child were not seriously injured, but that the condition of the man was critical, with little hope of recovery .-He has four young children, the youngest being the one cut. The cause of his rash act cannot be accounted for except on account of depression of spirits. On being questioned as to the cause, he replied. "O, Joe! just been shedding a little blood."

#### Literally Scared to Death.

On Friday evening the 1st inst., the wife of Mr. Ira Smart of South China, Me., was with her husband and daughter sitting in a room in their house when the thunder storm commenced. The lightning was very sharp and accompanied by heavy thunder, and as Mrs. Smart's nervous system was so affected that she could not bear to remain where the flashes were so plainly visible, she went into her bedroom and laid down. Her daughter went in shortly afterwards and asked her how she felt, when she replied that she was dying. She shortly afterwards became insensible, and expired at ten o'clock.

#### Attempted Highway Robbery.

The stage running from Mitchellsburg to Harrodsburg, Ky., was attacked on Thursday night about eight miles from Harrodsburg by four men, one of whom ordered the driver to stop and deliver the mail. At the same time he endeavored to climb on the stage but was shot dead by a passenger. The other robbers fied but were pursued by the passengers, who captured two and lodged them in the Harrodsburg jail.

IF G. K. Tidball has been accested in Washington, charged with the robbery of Adams Express office at Alliance, Ohio, and is now held to await the arrival of an officer from Cincinnati. Tidball has been in the employ of the express company for seven years, the last four of which he served as agent at Alliance.

#### Foreign Items.

Calcutta, Feb. 4 .- An earthquake oc curred at the city of Lehree, in the territory of Beloochistan, attended by a dreadful destruction of human life, and a vast amount of property.

Over four hundred-lives were lost by the disaster, which overtook the city suddenly. No escape was possible. A great part of the city is in ruins. The shock extended over a large tract of country, being distinctly felt at towns several miles distant The inhabitants of Lehree, after the first convulsions were over, seized moveables and fled to the mountains. Houses were shattered and fell in ruins, blocking the streets and killing men and beasts.

London, Feb. 4 .- The weather for the past three days has been intensely cold, and hundreds of persons were frozen to death in England during that time.

The proprietors of several collieries in the south of Wales, who have announced their intention to import Chinamen from California to take the place of the men on strike, have received anonymous letters threatening them with assassination should they carry out their designs.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Miss Emelia Tyson committed suicide in Baltimore recently by taking

The jury at Annapolis, Md., for the trial of Mrs. Wharton, failed to agree, four being for acquittal, and eight for convic-

The Freeport, Ill., mysters is solved. A boy descending into a well put his foot on the cold, frozen face of a dead man. The Coroner was summoned in haste, a large crowd collected, and the man drawn up. And now a Freeport merchant knows what became of his Indian tobacco sign.

The Pittsburg express train west on Tuesday night ran over David Stoner, aged forty-two years, at a point on the Pennsylvania railroad between Christiana, Laneaster county, and Penningtonville, Chester co., and instantly killed him. Mr. Stoner resided near the place where he met his death, and when struck by the locomotive was walking on the track on his way home.

Near Chicago on the 1st inst., a heavy ledge of frozen earth at a gravel pit on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, caved in burying three men. They were dug out as soon as possible by the workmen of the gravel train, but were found to be dead. They were not employed by the company, and seem to have been mere idlers, watching the operations of the railroad men.

Two maiden ladies, Miss Betsy Miller and sister, of Lebanon, came very near death a few nights ago. They went to bed in a chamber adjoining the kitchen, and left the lid off the cook stove, in which there was a coal fire. Neighbors observed no movement about the house in the morning, and at 9½ o'clock entrance was made and they were both found in a comatose condition from the effects of the gas from the stove. It was with considerable difficulty that they were rescued.

#### Grier City.

The amount of land owned by James H. Grier is sixty three acres, and he and others own thirty acres more making ninety three acres in all. The town is to be laid out with a two acre park in the centre, carefully fixed up with evergreens and shrubery. The general plan of the balance of the town is sixty feet wide streets, and about 900 lots, each 25 x 150 feet, and eight lots to the square. The public road from Delano to East Mahanoy Junction, runs through the northern part of the town. The Catawissa rall road runs through the town about four squares from the park. The town is 75 miles from Williamsport on the Catawissa Rail Road, 130 miles from New York on the Lehigh Valley or New York Central Rail Road, and 107 miles from Philadelphia on the Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road. Mahanoy Valley is about 134 miles wide and twenty miles long. The mountains on either side are full of anthracite coal, and the valley will produce splendid agricultural crops. There are twenty five coleries or coal breakers in the valley in operation which ship two millions of tons of coal per year. The poulation has increased twenty five thousand within the last five years. The principal towns are Tama qua four and a half miles distant population seven thousand. Mahanoy city four and a half miles, population ten thousand, Hazleton eight miles, population ten thousand, Shenandonh city seven miles, population ten thousand, Gliberton, Frankville and Foot of plains eight miles, population four thousand, Girardville twelve miles, four thousand, Ashland sixteen miles, population ten thousand. With such a population the produce market is the best in the state all kind of feed, grain and vegetable bring the highest city prices. Five years ago lots in Shenandoah city, Frankville, Mahanoy city and Girardville on the main streets could be bought for one hundred dollars, and to-day the same lots bring from one to two thousand dollars and still advancing. Grier City has more rail reads, better location and better building lots than any town ever started in the Coal Regions. The price of lots are cheaper and the terms of payment easier than usual. Lots are selling at \$125 and five years time to raise the money and on such terms any person can buy one. Our young men can surely raise \$25 a year on a lot. We understand Grier is making liberal arrangements with his agents and having over 600 active insurance agents, true and tried men and each man determined to buy a lot and sell two or three more to others, under such management there can be no doubt of success. A map and draft of lots can be seen and lots purchased by calling or William A. Morrison, New Germantown, and James L. Diven, Landisburg, Perry county Pa.; Owen Bruner, near Dun cannon, Perry Co. Past W. C. Mills, Dauphin, Dauphin Co.; B. F. Parls, Philadelphia; Charles W. Ward and the Suburban Lot Association, New York city; M. E. Mead, Hartford, Connecticut, and in the city of London by W. C. Reynolds of city Bank; Robert Gunn, the Secretary of the Working-mens Agricultural Association, and about 600 other agents at different offices.

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