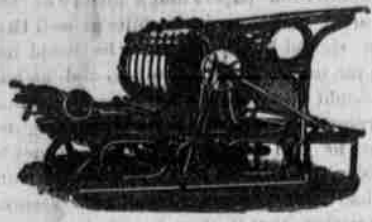


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, February 25, 1873.



ONE of the members of the City Council in Philadelphia has been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$500, for keeping a gambling house.

Local Option Elections.

So far as we have heard the returns of the elections on the license question on Friday last, the result is as follows:

Williamsport and Lycoming county gave vote against license. The majority will probably reach 2000.

Schuylkill county voted for license, by over 2000 majority.

Altoona also voted for license, while Blair county voted against it.

THE LEGISLATURE.

In the legislative proceedings last week we find the following of interest to this county:

In the senate, Mr. Heilmann presented the petition of citizens of Perry and Dauphin counties, numerously signed, praying for the passage of an act requiring the commissioners of said counties to rebuild the bridge over the Juniata river at or near its mouth, each county to bear half the expense of the same.

In the house the same bill was brought up, when Mr. Mahon (Rep., of Franklin) objected to the bill, on the ground that the courts have jurisdiction; but the Speaker gave as his opinion that such was not the case. The bill passed—yeas 59, nays 21.

It is a pity that the commissioners of this county were not compelled to reduce the present debt, before being asked to expend any more money. If as liberal in bridge contracts as in some of the Poor House contracts the bridge would be a costly affair.

The Dis-Credit Mobilier Scandal.

The committee appointed by the House to investigate this disgraceful affair, submitted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Mr. Oakes Ames, a representative in this House from the State of Massachusetts, has been guilty of selling to members of Congress shares of stock of the Credit Mobilier of America for prices much below the true value of such stock, with intent thereby to influence the votes and decision of such members in matters to be brought before Congress for action; therefore

Resolved, That Mr. Oakes Ames be and is hereby expelled from his seat as a member of this House.

2. Whereas, James Brooks, a Representative in this House from the State of New York, did procure the Credit Mobilier company to issue and deliver to Charles H. Wilson, for the benefit of said Brooks, fifty shares of the stock of said company at a price much below its real value, well knowing that the same was so issued and delivered with intent to influence the votes and decision of said Brooks as a member of the House to be brought before Congress for action, and also to influence the action of said Brooks as a government director in the Union Pacific railroad company; therefore,

Resolved, That Mr. James Brooks be and he is hereby expelled from his seat as a member of this House.

The consideration of this report comes up for to-day, and there promises to be a lively time. Many object to selecting two men for expulsion when over a score of members have been proved equally guilty, and there will probably be an effort made to have other names added to the resolution of expulsion.

Importation of Chinese Girls.

A few days since a batch of some forty or fifty youthful Chinese women arrived at San Francisco, from China, in the steamer. The news spread like wild fire among the youthful male Chinamen in the Chinese quarter, and, attired in their best clothes, they flocked to the wharf to witness the exhilarating spectacle of the landing of the Chinese damsels. After the custom-house inspectors had examined the new arrivals, the fluttering boys were transferred in express wagons to Jackson street, where they were to be sold to those desiring a wife. The prospect of getting wives was what caused the agitation among the Chinese young men on the occasion, and doubtless they have all been happily suited ere this.

A cruel hoax was perpetrated a few days ago upon the Missouri Legislature by the unfounded announcement of the sudden death of Hon. T. J. Kelley, the member from Camden county, of quick consumption. The customary resolutions were passed, several members availed themselves of the opportunity to air their powers of eulogium, and a committee was appointed to accompany the remains to the home of the deceased. The committee, having with due solemnity proceeded to the domicile of the late member, found the remains engaged at dinner.

Rail Road Collision at Morgan's Corner.

The Pacific express train on the Pennsylvania railroad, which left Philadelphia at 11.40, on Monday night, met with an accident, at Morgan's corner, about twelve miles west of the city. The accident was caused by the breaking of the rear of the train. James S. Floyd, a citizen of Philadelphia, and said to be employed as a messenger in the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company's express service, was instantly killed, and John Hamilton, an agent of the Union Transfer company, had his legs severely crushed, so that amputation will doubtless have to be performed.

When the train left Philadelphia it had eight cars attached to it. When about at Radnor Station, it is supposed the coupling pin broke between the sixth and seventh car, detaching the two sleepers, from New York, which following in the rear.

The front part of the train kept on its way for a mile, till it reached Morgan's Corner, before the loss was discovered. It then proceeded slowly, keeping a lookout for the detached portion; but from some unexplained cause the two sleepers came down the track, and striking the train, telescoped it, and breaking a few of the cars, but throwing nothing from the track. The passengers in the two detached sleeping cars were not even aware that they had broken loose from the rest of the train. Floyd, it appears, was in the rear car of the front portion, and when the collision took place he raised the window and jumped out, falling between the north and south tracks, breaking one of his legs, an injuring himself so severely, internally, as so cause his death a few moments afterwards. —State Journal.

The Speed of Railway Trains in England.

Some interesting details concerning the speed of railway trains in England have recently been published. The average rate of speed at which the fastest trains travel is forty-seven and three-quarter miles an hour. But there are two lines on which this pace is exceeded. The ten o'clock train on the Great Northern road reaches Peterborough at half-past eleven; the distance is seventy-six and a quarter miles, and the pace fifty-one miles an hour. The quarter to twelve train on the Great Western makes the run to Swindon, seventy-seven and a quarter miles without stopping, does it in one hour and twenty-seven minutes, or at the rate of fifty-three and a quarter miles an hour. There are a number of other roads which make at the rate of from forty-five to fifty-two miles an hour, but the journey from London to Bath by the quarter to 12 train, is the quickest in the world. The distance is 107 miles, and is done in two hours and thirteen minutes, including a stoppage of ten minutes at Swindon. The actual time in travelling is two hours and three minutes, something over fifty-two miles an hour.

Suicide.

A young man named Spencer, a resident of Noble county, Ohio, had been paying his addresses to a young lady of Salem twp., named Whetstone. Matters had so far progressed that they were engaged.

The relatives of the young lady, it is stated, were opposed to the match, and inteposed every obstacle to the consummation of the marriage. A short time since two young men, either maliciously or through sport, wrote a disreputable letter concerning the young lady, signing Spencer's name to it, and counterfeiting his handwriting as nearly as possible. This letter was purposely dropped where Miss Whetstone would be sure to find it. She did find it, and, as was natural, was very indignant at its contents.

On the evening of the suicide he made his usual visit, but was coldly received, was informed of the letter, and dismissed as an unworthy suitor. He protested his innocence, and declared that he knew nothing of the letter; but she bade him go, telling him she never wished to see him again. He remarked, "If that is the case I will kill myself," and immediately left the house. A moment after she heard the report of a pistol, but being alone, with only her mother and sister, she was afraid to go out, and awaited the return of Mr. Whetstone, who was absent. On his return search was made, and young Spencer was found a few yards from the house, with a bullet hole through his heart, and dead.

Local Option Excitement.

The Brookville Republican states that some excitement was occasioned recently by the preconcerted action of the Hotel proprietors of that place in raising the price of accommodations to about double their usual rates. To offset this action of the hotel men, the temperance and anti-license men met and made arrangements to accommodate those attending court, in private families, at one dollar per day, and so advertised by printed posters. To carry out their determination a list of those willing to throw open their houses was made, and as the people came in they were assigned places by a committee of arrangements.

By this means the little game of the tavern keepers was brought to grief.

A cow at Rome, Ga., lay down in a damp place the other day, and her tail froze firmly to the ground. A Southern paper, in giving a pathetic account of the affair, says that when the cow got up there was another cold snap—the tail actually broke.

A Story of a Physician.

A singular story is told by a Millbridge physician, of Rufus Mitchell, aged thirty, who recently bled to death from a slight cut: "He was one of those unfortunate men who bled from the slightest scratch of the skin, and many times he has laid and bled till it seemed that the blood had all run out, and then he would gradually recover. This time the cut was quite large, and he lived but a few hours. There is something remarkable about this family, who are here termed as belonging to the bleeding family. None but the males bleed, and they are sons of the females of the same family. For instance this man has left children; none of them will bleed, but if the girls should have boys in their families, they will be of the bleeding kind, but the boys are themselves free and their families will be the same. I cannot explain this. I have practiced in the family for more than twenty years. During that time a number of them have died from this cause, and others have bled, often dangerously."

Curious Stamp Robbery Muddle.

There is a singular case before the Congressional Claims Committee, connected with the stamp robbery of the post office at Bridgeport some years since. It seems that \$2,000 worth of stamps were stolen, that the thief was caught and put under bonds of \$3,000, and that these bonds were forfeited, so that the United States was \$1,000 better off than though the theft had not been committed. But not so the poor postmaster, or rather his estate, the postmaster having since died. The Post Office Department still holds its claims against the ex-postmaster's bondsmen, because it requires an act of Congress to relieve them. The claim went last year to the Post Office Committee, and by them has been referred to the Committee of Claims this year.

A Singular Accident.

A curious railroad accident occurred near York last week. A collision occurred between the engine of the Yorkers special train and the engine going north, by which the engine of the Yorkers train was started north at full speed, the engineer and fireman having jumped off as the engines collided.

The detached engine caught the Poughkeepsie way train north at Hastings plunging half through the rear coach, which contained one passenger, a brakeman named Smith, and assistant conductor Cummings. The passenger was uninjured, but the brakeman and assistant conductor were both probably fatally injured. No passengers were seriously injured in the train.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A bill has been introduced in the New Jersey Senate giving colored people the right to go to school, theatres, places of amusement and hotels, or on steamboats.

The Indiana State Senate has passed the Temperance bill which had previously passed the House. The temperance people are rejoicing, and fired a salute in honor of the event.

The workmen engaged in the removal of the ruins of the great Boston fire, discovered the remains of another human body, with portions of a fire-cap in close proximity.

A disastrous flood was experienced in the Monongahela river at Pittsburg on Monday the 17th. The water rose 20 feet. Two lives were lost, and a large number of boats and barges destroyed.

A car in the middle of a freight train on the Hudson river road jumped the track on last Tuesday, and ran on the ties five miles before discovered. It crossed five culverts in the run.

The newspapers down East have discovered a family in Oldtown, Me., in which there are fourteen children, all boys, the oldest of whom is but seven years of age. There are four sets of twins and two sets triplets.

An oak saw log was lately got out of the woods back of Turbutville, Northumberland county, which contained 241 cubic feet—making 2,892 feet board measure—and weighed eight tons. It was entitled the "King of the Woods."

Mrs. Smith, occupant of tenement house No. 177, Sackett street, Brooklyn, left her two children locked up in a room last Tuesday, alone. While absent the house caught fire and the children were burned to death. Mrs. Sarah Taylor was fatally injured in jumping from one of the windows.

A skilful Nimrod of Wheatland, Mo., saw a rabbit run into a hollow log, and took it into his head to crawl after it. When he had got inside, the log began to roll down hill. On arriving at the bottom he was considerably bruised, and didn't catch the rabbit after all.

An Athol boy, who has been long sojourning in California, has, after a courtship of twenty-five years, returned to his native hearth to be married. Ten years ago he started homeward for the same laudable purpose, but was waylaid and robbed of his all. He went back to the Golden State, gained another fortune, and this time has reached home safely.

Reading, Feb. 14.—C. F. Evans, Republican candidate for Mayor is elected over Wm. H. Gerand, Democrat, by 330 majority. A Republican gain of 771 over the last mayoralty election. Local Option defeated by about 900 majority. It is probable that Mr. Evans is the youngest of any similar officer in the United States.

Speaker Parson and Representative Williams, colored, of the Alabama Legislature, have been arrested by the United States Marshal on an affidavit made by Hunter, charging them with trying to prevent the election of a United States Senator, on the second Tuesday after the organization of the Legislature. The parties are all Republicans.

Indianapolis, February 21.—The jury in the case of Theodore Brown, charged with the murder of his wife, in December last, after being out thirty-five hours, returned a verdict of manslaughter. The prisoner was sentenced to twenty-one years in the penitentiary.

Seranton, February 21.—The Hyde Park Bank was broken into by burglars last night. The vault was forced open, and an unsuccessful attempt made to blow open the safe. The attempt was an unprofitable speculation. \$100 in currency was carried off, but they left behind a full set of burglars' implements.

A man named Edward Cogle, of Patterson, N. J. fell dead at a bar recently while taking a drink. An inquest was held and the jury found that death resulted from congestion of the brain, superinduced by disease of the heart and the excessive use of liquor.

A citizen of New Jersey was returning home one night recently, after having been to his lodge, when he thought he saw a light in his window, placed there by his thoughtful spouse, to guide his wavering footsteps. The next moment he ran into a lime kiln and was nearly roasted.

A wife of nearly ten years, having given her servant a holiday, was attending to culinary matters herself and hearing her husband coming in the kitchen thought she would surprise him as soon as he entered the door by throwing her hands over his eyes and imprinting a kiss on his brow, as in the days of the honeymoon. The husband returned the salute with interest, and said, as he discharged her hands, "Mary darling, where is your mistress?" The wife discharged "Mary, darling," the next day, and has adopted a new plan of "surprising her husband."

Foreign Items.

A report has just been received here that a cafe in Smyrna, situated on the shore of the gulf, having been undermined by the tides, was suddenly swallowed up by the waves, and that between one and two hundred persons, mostly Greeks were drowned.

Madrid, February 20.—General Sickles, the American Minister, has intimated to the Spanish government that the United States are not disposed to press embarrassing questions relative to Cuba, desiring to place no obstacles in the way of the Republic.

Three Communist were shot near Paris on Wednesday last. In the cases of ten other Communist who were to have been executed about the same time, Thiers has commuted the sentence to imprisonment for life. The Court-Martial at Algiers has condemned to death eight of the perpetrators of the Palestro massacre, and sentenced thirty-seven others to various terms of imprisonment. Prince Orloff, the Russian Ambassador, has returned to Paris.

The Exhibition at Vienna will open in May. The American Commission is very active in securing space and providing accommodation for exhibitors from the United States.

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