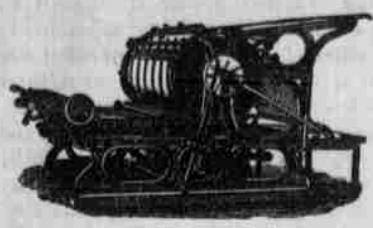


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, March 4, 1873.



ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS has been elected to congress from the eighth Georgia district.

In Canada on the 26th ult., Mrs. Trasker and five children were burned to death, in their house. The cause of the fire is unknown.

ALTOONA instead of giving a vote for license, as the types made us say last week, gave a majority of 900 against it. We gladly make this correction.

Two of the Huntingdon papers, the Globe and the Journal devote about half of their space each week to personal abuse of each other. If their readers are pleased with such stuff it doesn't take much to please them.

ADDITIONAL Notaries Public, can now be legally appointed by the governor, when demanded by the public interests.

Under this law Gov. Hartranft has commissioned Lewis Potter Esq., as an additional Notary Public for Perry county. It is an appointment which will meet the approval of the entire community.

The discussion in the House of Representatives last week on the report of the committee recommending the expulsion of Ames of Mass. and Brooks of New York, was exceedingly exciting. The report was finally amended so as to censure, instead of expel, and in that shape passed the house by a large vote. The whole of the proceedings from the first to the last have been a disgrace to the nation.

Unpaid Postage.

We are glad to see in a late telegram from Washington that the Attorney General has decided that the action of the Post-office Department in demanding double the amount of deficient postage upon all letters not fully prepaid at the time of mailing, is not in accordance with law. We long ago decided the matter in that way, in our minds, upon principles of equity, believing, moreover, that, in an age in which all changes in postal regulations are in the direction of cheapening postage, the Congress of this nation was not likely to take any backward step that would throw it out of the general movement. All honor to Judge Pascall, of Washington, whose appeal to a court of law forced the Postmaster General to refer his action, in the case referred to, to the head of the Department of Justice, and thus won for the people their long denied right to pay nothing but what was due. May the day come—but when we dare not hope—when the government, whose proud boast is to be for the people and by the people, will always interpret a law that is ambiguous in its wording, or doubtful in its construction, in the way that will be least oppressive to the people!

The Price of Type.

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There is near the Boston and Lowell Railroad, in Somerville, a handsome brick house, just discernible from the cars as they enter a cut on the road bed, which has a romantic history. It was built by a rising young lawyer of Boston who was engaged to be married. He had fully furnished the house in anticipation of soon making it his home with his young wife, when the engagement was broken off for reasons which, if they could be related, would greatly add to the romance of the story. The disappointed lover shut up his new house just as it was, declaring it should not be opened as long as the world have been bride, should live. That was nearly twenty years ago, and the furnished but untenanted house still stands closed, just as it was prepared to welcome its expected mistress.

RAIL ROAD PROSPECTS.

The Road Sure to be Built if the Commissioners do their duty.

According to announcement the meeting of the citizens favoring the railroad enterprise was held in the Court House, on last Wednesday evening. This meeting was held to decide upon what route to take to reach the Pennsylvania Central.

A charter having been granted for a road from Duncannon to Loyville, via Bloomfield, and the commissioners named in that act promising immediate action, the meeting decided almost unanimously to make Duncannon the eastern terminus. The shares subscribed were then transferred to the subscription book of the commissioners, and the following resolution was adopted by the meeting.

Resolved.—That the board of Commissioners named in the act incorporating the Duncannon, Bloomfield and Loyville Rail Road, are requested to at once collect the first assessment on the shares subscribed, and proceed to organize the company by calling a meeting of the stockholders to elect a board of directors, in the manner provided by law.

The subscriptions transferred to the commissioners exceed the amount which the law requires them to have before organizing, and if they now fail to act, the friends of the railroad movement will not be at a loss upon whom to lay the blame.

The people demand a rail road and having placed the necessary subscriptions for the purpose of organization, in the hands of the commissioners, will hold them responsible for any delay that may occur in organizing the company. We trust however, that there will be no occasion for complaint. Was the carrying out of the project in the hands of those who have brought the matter this far, we have no doubt that within three weeks from this time the company would be organized and in working order. Very many have no faith in the movement being any thing more than "wind," and consequently will not take hold until some steps have been taken which prove, that something more than talk is intended. We trust the commissioners will see that this class of people will soon have a chance to place their names on the subscription books.

A Curious Case.

A Memphis paper says: Some months since in one of our courts there was filed a petition for divorce, which exhibits a strange freak of human nature. The petitioner was married in 1852, and his wife died in February, 1871, leaving surviving eight children as the fruits of said marriage. His mother-in-law took great interest in her grandchildren, and the complainant in the divorce bill, at the time, feeling that the grandmother was nearer and dearer to his children than any other human being, and was bound to them by the ties of common affection, married her, believing that the marriage would better subserve the interest of his children, and more largely promote his own happiness than any other course then left to him; hence, on the 10th day of September, 1871, a marriage was duly solemnized between the parties in Shelby county.

The parties lived together as man and wife for two months, and it never occurred to either of them that there was any impropriety, legal or moral, in such establishment of relationship as husband and wife. The step was suggested to both parties by a tender consideration for the welfare of the eight children. In November, 1871, it was intimated for the first time to petitioner that under the laws of Tennessee such a marriage was null and void, and greatly surprised at such information, petitioner sought the advice of an officer of the church to which he belonged, and from those learned in the law, and was informed that such a marriage was void, owing to the previous relationship of the parties.

In November the parties ceased to live together, and agreed to apply for a divorce; hence they applied for a divorce a vinculo, or that the marriage be pronounced a nullity, and that the said parties, complainant and defendant, be declared free from the supposed obligation and its consequences. In July, 1872, a decree pro confesso was granted by the court, annulling the marriage the parties being within the prohibited degrees of kindred, and that the defendant be restored to her original name.

A man in Lehigh county read somewhere that "the Canadian way of measuring a tree is said to be as certain as it is grotesque. You walk from the tree, looking at it from time to time between your knees. When you are able to see the top in this way, your distance from the root of the tree equals its height." So he attempted to measure a certain tree, just out of curiosity, by walking forward with his head between his knees. Before his eyes had reached more than half way up the trunk he came to the edge of a precipice sixty feet high, and all of a sudden began to turn somersaults downward until he struck the river below. Then he swam out and went home, and he does not even yet know how high that tree is, or whether the Canadian theory is correct, and he does not care; but he wishes he could find the man who conveyed the information upon the subject to the public. He desires to remonstrate with him with a club.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Political affairs in Bolivia are becoming more and more complicated. Business is affected accordingly.

News has been received from Hayti up to Friday, the 21st ult. A revolution was momentarily expected to break out, and Port-au-Prince had already been placed in a state of siege.

The spotted fever is prevailing to such an alarming extent at Thornton, Ind., that the schools and churches have been closed to prevent the spread of the contagion.

The State Industrial Home for Girls at White Sulphur Springs, Delaware Co., Ohio, was burned on the 24th ult. There were in the institution at the time 135 persons. No lives were lost.

A man at Watson, Clark county, Ind., has brought suit against the railroad company for damages resulting from the death of his dog, which attacked the locomotive and was run over.

A family has been poisoned in Kildare, Ireland, by eating cake with arsenic instead of soda, the poison having been sold by mistake. The father is dead and three children are in a precarious condition.

Much of the timber which was felled in Huron county, Mich., by the fires in 1871, has been found to be free from the operations of the borer, and in good condition, and is being hauled to the mills to be sawed into lumber.

While Mr. Davis, of Muscatine, Ia., took a short trip to Davenport, his blooming young wife raffled off all his effects and departed. When he returned, the Sheriff locked him up in jail for permitting gambling on his premises.

Jason Weeks of Bangor, Me., has had returned to him a Bangor bond for \$1,000, of which he was robbed with \$16,000 of other bonds and money, in New York, over a year ago, being knocked down at the same time. The bond could not be sold, hence the considerate thieves returned it.

The severity of the winter in New England may be inferred from the fact that residents on the back roads in Washington, Mass., have been unable to get out with their teams since Thanksgiving, all on account of the immense snow-banks in that section.

George Dorsey, special mail carrier between Dunkirk and Huntingdon, in Calvert county, Md., arrested on a charge of embezzling letters, had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Rogers and was committed to jail. When arrested Dorsey confessed the theft, and a portion of the money stolen was recovered.

Hasson Lynch and John T. Abrams, citizens of Cecil county, were killed by the 8.30 a. m. train from Philadelphia on the 26th ult. While walking the track two trains passed in opposite directions, and they stepped out of the way of one in front of another. An inquest was held, and a verdict rendered exonerating the company.

The method adopted for obtaining wood for fuel during the Minnesota storm was ingenious. A man would go from the house to the wood-pile with a rope tied to him, to make sure of his not getting lost even in that circumscribed space, and by the time he had reached the house, so great was the penetrating force of the snow and wind, he would be found wet to the skin.

The first conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad was Colonel Morton Garrett, who now resides at East Brandywine, Chester county. Prior to opening of the road, in 1849, he was a conductor on the Columbia railroad for eight years. When he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Central the rolling stock consisted of one locomotive, the "Millin," three passenger cars and one baggage car.

Four colored men bought tickets of admission to the dress circle of the Academy of Music in Cleveland, but were refused admission. One of them forced his way in and was ejected by the police. A meeting of the colored citizens was held, at which it was resolved to bring suit for damages under the civil rights law, and a committee appointed to raise money and push the matter in the courts.

A few days ago Mrs. Sarah Allcutt, of Marcus Hook, Pa., received a letter which was written on the 5th of April, and sent from Elk Dale, Chester county, Pa., on the 9th of April, 1859. It inclosed a two dollar note, on the Wilmington & Brandywine Bank. The letter was nearly fourteen years in reaching its destination and has doubtless been lying in an obscure corner or drawer in some post office, all this time.

Murder will out.

At Indianapolis William H. Beck, a blind man and notorious character, has made a confession of the murder of two girls, Mary Hennerly and Catharine Gunter, aged respectively eleven and four years. The murder was committed in June, 1870, along the banks of the White river near that city, and created the most intense excitement at the time but was surrounded by apparently impenetrable mystery, and no possible clue could be obtained as to the guilty party. Beck was arrested early last week. He has become blind since the murder of the children.

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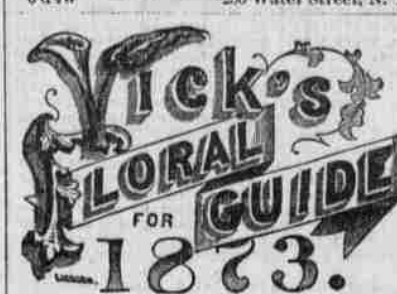
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