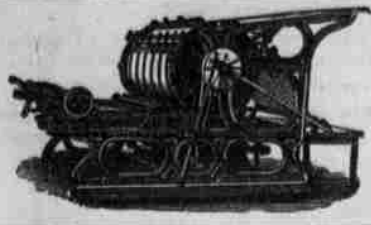


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BEN BUTLER is spoken of as the 'centennial candidate for the Presidency.' An exchange says: 'Centennial is good, and such a nomination once in a hundred years would be about as much as the country could stand.'

IN 1866 when John A Andrews was Governor of Massachusetts the Legislature passed an act increasing their pay and increasing the pay of the Governor from \$3,900 to \$5,000 a year. Governor Andrews heard of it and sent word to the salary grabbers who had the project in charge: 'If you undertake to raise My salary, I will send back a veto within an hour. It is not in accordance with my ideas of honor to pass upon the question of my own compensation.' And he was as good as his word. He did veto the bill, and returned it to the Legislature.

THOMAS SHUMAN of Catawissa, was indicted for selling liquor without license. After his indictment he succeeded in compromising with the prosecutrix. The Court refused to allow it and ordered the case to proceed to trial, setting forth that it was a crime against society, and no individual had a right to compromise the interest of the community. He was accordingly brought to trial, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of sixty dollars and cost, and to be imprisoned in the county jail for ten days. We understand it will cost him about two hundred dollars.

THE Providence Herald; the only Democratic paper in Rhode Island, after an existence of twenty-three years as a daily, has been discontinued, the publisher closing its career with some caustic allusions to the party that failed to accord to it the needful support. Whereupon the Hartford Times pertinently remarks that this may be natural and just on the part of the losing publisher, but until he has learned one fundamental, vital fact in newspaper publishing he need never expect success in that direction. That fact is the simple necessity on the part of every real 'live' newspaper of making itself independent of, and superior to, all cliques and all parties in its reliance for support. The journal that is a mere pensioner upon a political party must necessarily be a poor concern, and in general may count on a speedy end. Its days are emphatically 'short and full of trouble.'

Affairs in France. Another change has been made in the Government of France. President Thiers not being able to get along pleasantly with the Assembly, offered his resignation, which was at once accepted, and that body promptly elected Marshall McMahon, as his successor. The Marshall accepted the position, and in doing so, gave the world to understand that he should rely upon the army for supporting his authority. So far the change in government has had no effect upon the finances of France, or upon the money market throughout Europe. Marshall McMahon, was a strong supporter of Louis Napoleon, and the selection of him as the President, is looked upon as a victory for the Imperialists particularly the Bonaparte faction. All the antecedents and sympathies of the new President are monarchical, and the chances are that it will not be very long before the mask of Republicanism will be cast aside.

Constitutionality of the Local Option Law. Immediately after the election on the subject of license, the liquor men of Franklin county, organized to sustain a test case on the issue of the unconstitutionality of the law. A certain tavern keeper in Chambersburg openly sold liquor, after 'no license,' as decided by the people, had gone into effect, and this case was at once taken before Judge Hall, who at the time was holding court in that borough. After the most able argument on both sides, the court held that the law was constitutional, in an opinion brief and pointed, and which was extensively copied by the newspapers of the State. The case was immediately carried to the Supreme court, which, at its session in Harrisburg, fully affirmed the decision of Judge Hall, and thus sustaining the constitutionality of the Local Option law.

On an excursion train on Sunday, the 25th, between Lexington, Ky., and Winchester, an altercation occurred between two colored passengers named Jack Bradford and John Pearson. Bradford shot Pearson, after which he cut his head nearly off, and threw his body from the train. Bradford was arrested.

The Cave at Delaware Gap. Two or three years ago a Mr. Frear bought 100 acres of land on the Kittatinny mountain, near Delaware Gap. One day last summer Mr. Frear, while cutting wood on the mountain, discovered near the base a wall ten or twelve feet high laid up against a perpendicular precipice of apparently solid rock. He took down a portion of the wall, and came to an opening in the rock large enough to permit the passage of his body. The instant the opening was uncovered a strong current of air escaped. It was so cold that Mr. Frear was in a very short time chilled through and through.

Determined to explore this singular cavern, Mr. Frear entered the opening. He found himself in a large chamber, the walls being of rough and jagged rocks. The cold was so intense that he could not explore the cave further than fifty feet. Since then no person has penetrated further than sixty feet under the mountain. The draft of air is so strong at the mouth that trees thirty yards distant are kept in constant motion. One can stand but a few minutes in the mouth. A thermometer standing at ninety degrees above zero, will, in a short time, fall to thirty in the current.

A piece of pure lead, a gun barrel, and a collection of bones were found by Mr. Frear in the cavern. He threw the bones in the river before ascertaining whether they were human remains or not.

A dog accompanied him on his first exploring tour. The dog jogged on into the cave. Since then it has never been seen.

Hundreds of people have visited this remarkable cavern, and witnessed the mysterious phenomenon of the cold current of air. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been given, as to its cause. There are a number of crevices in the rocks near the opening from which the cold air also issues.

Mr. Frear erected a temporary platform in front of the cave. A person standing on this five minutes would experience a sensation of almost complete numbness. It was the owner's intention to excavate a passage way and erect a building over it for the accommodation of inquiring visitors. He was killed on the railroad, however, before his project was carried out. The cave is considered one of the greatest curiosities of the world.

Scene in a Smoking Car.

An amusing incident occurred recently in the smoking car of a C. C. C and I. Railroad train between Shelby and this city, says the Cleveland Times. A woman with a poodle dog entered the car just prior to the departure of the train from the former point, and after depositing her dog on one seat, turned over the back of another one, so that each seat faced the other. Together she and her canine companion thus monopolized two entire seats. Appearances seemed to indicate that the car was one exclusively for the convenience of those addicted to the use of the 'weed'; but of this fact she was soon apprised by the conductor, who advised her to obtain a seat in another car, informing her at the same time that the accommodations in the way of seats in the other coaches were superior to those where she was then. However, she insisted on remaining, urging that her presence would deter the occupants of the car from smoking, and she would consequently experience no discomfort from tobacco fumes. Long before the train reached this city, however, a gentleman sitting directly in front of her produced his case, and, taking therefrom a cigar, began puffing away at it in a manner which seemed peculiarly calculated to aggravate the woman back of him. Instantly, by a strategic movement, she wrested the obnoxious cigar from his mouth and threw it out of the window, exclaiming, 'If there is anything I do hate, it is tobacco smoke.' The passengers who had witnessed the affair were convulsed with laughter, but the offending smoker suppressed whatever emotions may have been struggling for expression in words or action, and maintained throughout the same imperturbable gravity which had characterized him from the first. Calmly rising from his seat, he opened the window nearest him, fastening it up, and reaching over the seat back, took that woman's poodle dog and threw him out of the window as far beyond as possible, at the same time saying, 'If there is anything I do hate, it's a poodle dog!'

Treating them Better.

Convicts in the Michigan State Prison are hereafter to be treated with distinguished consideration. The Legislature has voted to free them from the the humiliation of wearing striped garments, and also given them permission to correspond with their relatives and intimate friends. The State also devotes funds toward their education, and gives each one, when discharged, \$10 worth of clothing and \$10 in cash, with such other money as he may have earned by overwork.

The residence of Col. Potter in Linden, New Jersey, was burned last Wednesday morning. The family barely escaped with their lives. Shortly after a fuse was discovered burning leading to a hay rack in the barn, which was stamped out. On investigation a can of fifteen pounds of powder was discovered under the barn, with which a fuse was connected.

A Will Written on a Slate.

The West Chester Local News of Thursday says: This morning we were shown a will written on a slate, which circumstance is probably the first and only case of the kind in the country. The instrument of bequeath bears date May 9, 1863, and is the will of Phebe Ann Woodward, late of Kennett Square. The slate is a new one, and upon the frame are the letters 'P. A. W.,' in ink, they being the initials of the deceased's name. The curious and novel writing was found by her friends after her decease a few weeks since, in a chest, under lock and key, and safely ensconced in a pasteboard box. Register Evans has decided to admit it to probate, after which it is supposed its legality will be tested in the Register's Court. John Pinkerton is the counsel for the will, and by whom the rather eccentric writing was shown us. Mr. P. states that this will is the first 'slate will' to be found on any records of which any knowledge is now to be gained. Upon its receipt in the Register's office, it will be provided with a wooden box, in which it will be filed for keeping under lock and key.

A Story of Retributive Justice.

On Tuesday night last the coroner's jury in the case of Dr. Baker, who was murdered at Warren on the 16th inst., adjourned to Friday, for the purpose, it was supposed of finding a brother of Miss Mink, who owned the house where the crime was committed, but on Thursday last he came home, and the officers were informed that he was in his house. Sheriff Hobbs summoned him on Friday to appear before the jury, and also another brother of Miss Mink has been kept in the lock-up in this city since Sunday last until yesterday, when he was taken to Warren. Public feeling in that city is now in favor of Miss Mink, the general opinion being that Dr. Baker brought his death upon himself, having, it is said, not only ruined the girl, but has followed her for years. He installed another woman as his housekeeper, but continued to visit the one he had wronged for life, being wild and reckless, and now, after repeated warnings from her friends, he has been found dead in the bed chamber of his victim. The jury did not conclude their investigations, and Miss Mink has been brought back to the lock-up in Rockland.

A Private Hospital for Females.

Medical Inspector Steward, of Washington, reported to the President of the Board of Health the discovery of a private lying in hospital in a central and prominent part of Washington, to which children have been farmed out, to be cared for as long as they live, by persons in the employ of the hospital. Inspector Steward was led to the discovery while making a sanitary inspection in the locality known as Hog alley, in a low hovel, he found a negro woman nursing from a bottle a white infant, about three or four weeks old. An inquiry led to the fact that a person calling herself Miss Doctor Wilson kept the establishment, where women were nursed during confinement, attended only by the female doctor, who, it is stated, had been doing a good business. It is the intention of the Board of Health to take such action as the law will admit in the premises in relation to this case, and at the same time place the matter before the legislative assembly for such action as in the judgment of that body the preservation of life and public morals require.

A Man Trampled to Death by a Mule.

In the stable of the Georgetown Almshouse is a savage mule, which Alexander Grumble, an idiot pauper, was in the habit of tending. The mule was so vicious that it would not allow any one else to approach it. Hitherto the animal and its attendant had evinced a strange affection for each other, but on Saturday morning an estrangement sprang up between them, and the beast taking offence at something while his keeper was attending to him, caught Grumble by the shoulder with his teeth, threw him violently to the ground, and before he could recover himself began stamping upon his prostrate body. Then, not satisfied with his vengeance, the beast began biting and chewing its dying victim until its anger had been appeased.

Shooting Her Uncle.

Baltimore, May 26.—Mrs. Emma M'Kee, who made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot her uncle, Oswald Noack, on the 14th of May, was more successful to-day. Having this morning obtained a warrant for the arrest of her uncle, charging him with abusive conduct, she proceeded with an officer to his place of business, 145 West Baltimore street, to identify him. The officer made the arrest, and while coming down stairs with the prisoner, in company with Mrs. M'Kee, she suddenly drew a double-barreled pistol from under her shawl, and fired two shots, one ball taking effect in his back, and the other in the calf of his right leg. His wounds are not necessarily fatal. Mrs. M'Kee has been arrested.

The town of Varden, Miss., was nearly destroyed by fire on Tuesday last. The fire is supposed to be incendiary, and spread so rapidly that very little goods were saved. The mail matter in the post-office was destroyed.

Miscellaneous News Items.

Two women were killed by lightning on the 25th, at Ossawatomie, Kansas.

Mambrino Temple, the famous stallion, died recently. He was valued at \$10,000.

Heavy rains in Canada have so swollen the lumber rivers that about five million feet of lumber have gone adrift.

All the colored waiters of the Sherman House struck last week, and left the guests while dinner was being served.

An Ohio legislator has presented a resolution forbidding any more babies being named John Smith, in the State.

A remarkable water-spout was observed at the dam at the Reservoir in Blair county a few weeks ago. A large body of water ascended in spiral form, not less than twenty feet.

Chicago, May 28.—There is much excitement at the neighboring village of Serrmont over the fact that oil has been found in small quantities at a depth of 475 feet. It is light, but the well is being deepened, and it is believed it will be found in paying quantities.

The contest over the village election at Malta, Ill., turns on a very fine point. One vote decides it either way, and one voter lives in a house through which the corporation line runs. He sleeps outside the corporation, but eats inside of it. Has he the right to vote or not? On this depends the election.

James Snyder aged about nineteen years, living in Pymatuning township, Mercer county, commenced bleeding at the nose, on Saturday, the 10th inst, and though physicians were summoned, and every effort made to stop the hemorrhage, the young man died on the 12th, having bled to death.

In Boston, a few nights ago, Patrick Mahoney and John Sweeney had a dispute about paying for drinks with Isaac Bayard, a negro, in the latter's bar room, when Bayard decided the question by shooting both of his customers, breaking Mahoney's thigh bone and Sweeney's arm. Bayard was arrested, and the wounded men taken to the hospital.

A woman named Mary Wilson, of Wilkesbarre, was accidentally shot on last Friday evening a week, by a man named John Mulherron. It seems that Mulherron had accompanied the woman to her room, and in attempting to take a revolver from his pocket, it was in some way discharged, the ball lodging in the woman's abdomen inflicting a mortal wound.

Mr. E. B. Gould, a young gentleman of Jacksonville, Fla., while fishing last week, about six miles up the river, encountered an alligator fully twelve feet in length, and after a short tussel the alligator was killed by him with a ten foot oar. The fatal blow was struck just back of the neck. This is the second one killed by Mr. G. within a month in that way.

San Francisco, May 27.—The bodies of three Chinamen, who died from small-pox, were found to-day, concealed in the pump-boxes of the steamer Lord of the Isle, lying at her dock. The vessel was ordered to be quarantined at once. The passengers are in the city, having all landed yesterday. Chinamen say one of their countrymen, who became ill from small-pox on the voyage, was thrown overboard by them.

The total loss of the great tornado in Iowa, is variously estimated in money at \$175,000 to \$300,000, including thirty-five houses, 1,200 sheep, 2,500 hogs, 100 head of cattle, 40 horses, and all the crops along the track of the storm. The list of killed and wounded shows twelve persons dead and twenty-nine wounded. Detailed reports are yet to come in from Keokuk co., and several of the wounded cannot recover, so that from eighteen to twenty-five names will be on the death roll.

During the late heavy thunder storm in Canada, the lightning killed a boy at Point Lewis and a young man at Island Orleans. The tremendous rain which accompanied the storm swelled the river, and caused immense destruction of property. The Gosford railroad bridge over Jacques Cartier river is reported swept away; also, the government dam at the mouth of St. Maurice river, and a number of extensive saw-mills.

George Link, of the firm of Link & Black, terra cotta manufacturers at Germantown avenue and Seventh street, committed suicide on Wednesday last by jumping off the ferry-boat at Shackamaxon street wharf.

Deceased was about forty years of age, in prosperous circumstances, and no cause can be assigned for his act. Before leaving his office he left a note for his partner, in which he announced his intention to commit suicide. He then drove in his carriage to the wharf and upon the ferry-boat, and employing a boy to hold his horse, jumped from his carriage upon the deck, and going to the bow of the boat plunged into the river. His body was soon after recovered, and taken to the residence of his family.

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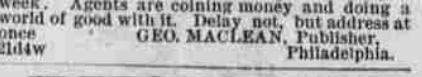
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