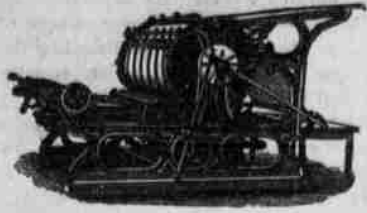


The Bloomfield Times.

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THE State Agricultural fair will be held at Erie, commencing September 30th, and continuing until Oct. 3d. The officers of the association are endeavoring to make the fair even more successful than it was last year. About \$7,000 have been expended this summer in improving the grounds and erecting a grand stand capable of seating 2,500 persons.

A LETTER from Philo, Illinois, says the nineteen car-loads of corn, shipped by the granges from the Tolono to Toledo, realizes ten to twenty per cent. above the usual profit. Encouraged by this, the granges have called for more cars, and are going to erect elevator buildings and machinery of their own.

THE Farmers Granges in this State are distributed in the different counties as follows:

Berks county has eight granges, Montgomery three, Chester two and Lebanon, Cumberland, Crawford, Lancaster and Lycoming each one. The state grange will meet in Reading next month, at which it is expected thirty granges will be represented.

AN important decision has been rendered in the State of Indiana, in which the rule is laid down that when a railroad company sells a ticket it is with the understanding that the passenger will be furnished with a seat. The facts of the case are as follows: A passenger in Indiana lately refused to give the conductor his ticket until he was supplied with a seat. The train being crowded, the conductor could not comply with his request, and put the passenger off the car, throwing his baggage after him. The latter entered suit against the company, and was awarded \$3,000 damages by the jury which tried the case.

Democratic State Convention.

The convention for nominating State Treasurer and Supreme Judge, convened at Wilkesbarre on Wednesday last. For Judge of the Supreme Court, Judge James R. Ludlow, of Philadelphia, received the nomination on the second ballot.

For State Treasurer the following gentlemen were placed in nomination:

F. M. Hutchinson, of Allegheny, Frederick Lauer, of Berks, William Willis, of Perry, Edward Perks, of Centre, Joseph Laubach, of Northampton, and William Ryan of Schuylkill.

On the second ballot F. M. Hutchinson, received a large majority of the votes and his nomination was then made unanimous.

The convention gave Hon. R. M. Speer, of Huntingdon a most severe rebuke for accepting his share of the "back pay steal." The committee to report on permanent officers, had selected Speer for President, and when that portion of the report was reached, A. H. Glatz, of York, interrupted the convention and moved a non-concurrence of the convention in the report of the committee, so far as read, giving as his reason that Speer had, as a member of congress, taken back pay. The motion and remarks of Mr. Glatz were received with great applause by a majority of the convention. Mr. Speer replied, defending his actions as a public man, and pleading his services and fealty to the democratic party, and asking the convention not to give way to the personal clamor of the hour.

Other speeches were made concerning the "salary grab" and when one speaker attempted to defend the law, and the action of Mr. Speer, he was hissed down by the convention. The result was that Mr. Speer's name was withdrawn, and Dr. A. Nobinger was made Chairman.

Among the resolutions passed, the following will please a large majority of the American people, regardless of party:

Resolved, That we condemn without reserve the act of congress granting additional salaries and back pay grabs as unjust and unjustifiable, and demand its immediate and unconditional repeal, and we denounce every member of congress, whether republican or democrat who supported it.

New Disease among Swine.

Mr. William Klopp, of Union township, Berks county, lost three valuable hogs last week, from a new and singular disease. The hogs had been in excellent condition, were well cared for, and manifested no indications of sickness. They were suddenly seized with the disease, however, and after running around in a circle for about a quarter of an hour fell over dead.

Frauds in the N. Y. Custom House.

The daily Graphic makes the following remarks regarding affairs in the New York Custom House:

"The Custom House investigation discloses an exceedingly discreditable condition of things. It is difficult to obtain the exact facts in reference to the two or three cases which have excited public attention; but underneath the criminations and recriminations of implicated parties, and the information that has come to light and is unquestionable, two points are clear. There has been a series of extensive and systematic frauds on the Government by some of our merchants, who have resorted to false invoices and have bribed Custom House officials to increase their profits and enable them to compete successfully with other importers. One instance of this sort has led to another, until a number of merchants have been drawn into questionable practices for self-protection who had no intention of defrauding the Government, and would greatly prefer doing business in a perfectly legal and honorable way. And, in the second place, the Government has been systematically defrauded by some of its employes, who have acted as special agents of importers, and have received bribes for making false returns, and have resorted to innumerable arts and devices to enrich themselves. The practices have been carried on in such a systematic, unblushing way that it is strange they have not been exposed and punished, as they deserved, long before this, especially as they seem to be well known to their superiors. Perhaps the latter were so compromised by similar transactions that they could not punish their subordinates without exposing their own guilt. The more thoroughly the matter is looked into the more extensive the ramifications of this inquiry, and the more complete the corruption of officials seems to be.

Surprise has been expressed in some quarters that there has been no united and overpowering protest against the abuses and corruption of the Custom House on the part of our merchants. But the reason is obvious to all are who familiar with the facts. While many of our importers are directly or indirectly implicated in damaging transactions, which they do not care to have brought to light, very few of them can afford to court the persistent hostility of the Custom House officials and the Power behind them. These men have the mercantile community in their grasp, and can ruin the business of almost any large importer who should provoke their resentment. Moreover, our merchants know perfectly well, that were the present Custom officials driven away, their places would immediately be filled by others of the same character, and hesitate to drive away a partially sated brood of vultures when a hungrier flock will rush in to devour whatever they can find. There is no chance of effecting the needed reformation so long as the Custom House is colonized by political vagrants and mere party hacks, and its offices are given as a reward for political services in the caucus-room and on the stump. It is the system that makes the mischief, and the system is far too profitable to those interested in its maintenance to be given up for an honest and efficient Civil Service. And so long as this corrupt and pernicious system is adhered to, there will be dishonest officials and defrauding importers, and the abuse of the Customs Department will furnish the advocates of free trade with their strongest arguments against any tariff whatever. We had hoped that the Administration would replace the present corrupt system with the Civil Service the country demands and our mercantile interests imperatively require; and we are assured that an attempt will soon be made to introduce a thorough system of Civil Service into the Customs Department. When we get rid of the pernicious doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils," and appoint our officers for life or during good behavior, we may expect something like honesty and efficiency in the public service.

Immense Meeting of Grangers in Missouri.

An immense meeting of grangers and veterans of the Mexican war was held last week at Sweet Spring, near Brownsville, Mo. Nearly 15,000 people were present. Many came from a great distance. A good many prominent men, including members of the legislature and members of the press were also in attendance.

Thomas C. Allen, master of the State grange, opened the grange part of the meeting with a speech, in which he ridiculed the lack of interest bestowed on the farmer's movement at the outset, but it had now become a great power and attracted attention from all quarters and all parties. He believed the farmers were the noblest class of people in existence, and it was time they had something to say about public affairs.

The grangers are growing, and before January there will be twenty-four states prominent in the movement. He warned monopolies not to crowd them or they might make them go too far.

Major G. W. Gilson, of St. Louis, addressed the Mexican veterans, after which a committee was appointed to prepare an address to congress on the subject of pensions.

A Devastating Aerolite.

The barn of Mr. Nathan Nye, in West Sandwich, Mass., was totally consumed by fire recently, during a thunder-storm. The lightning stroke was seen by a man about half a mile distant, who states that when within about twenty degrees the bolt appeared to change, and looked as if fire was being poured from a bucket and waved itself to the barn, entered, and immediately the whole barn was in flames. Afterwards, among the ruins, about a barrel of greenish-looking, porous, but extremely hard substance was found, scattered about, principally in one corner. There was nothing about the barn to melt into and form such a peculiar, lava-like matter, and it is supposed to have descended with the lightning. A fragment has been sent to Professor Agassiz, for examination.

Fall from a Train.

Deitrich Reuter, a German butcher, of Evansville, Indiana, fell from the Pacific express train east, Wednesday morning, near Thompsonstown, and was severely injured. He arrived here on the southern express and had his wounds attended to by the Pennsylvania railroad company's physician at the City hotel. Subsequently he was removed to the city hospital, where he will receive treatment until he recovers. His injuries consist of a broken right arm near the elbow, severe contusion on the right side of the head and wounds near the elbow and hand of left arm. Mr. Reuter's wife was on the Pacific express when he met with the accident, but did not find out that he had been hurt until she reached Harrisburg, supposing that he had gone in another car from the one she was occupying.—Harrisburg Patriot.

A Resurrection.

Westminster, Md., Aug. 27.—There was no little excitement here to-day, occasioned by the following somewhat singular incident: William D. Matthias, a young man twenty-two years old, who has been engaged for the past six months in selling sewing machines in this city, and immediate vicinity, died, as was supposed, about three o'clock last evening, with brain fever. He was placed in ice and there remained forty hours. To-day the relatives and friends of the family assembled together for the purpose of paying their last tribute of respect to the dead, when it was noticed his skin had assumed quite a natural appearance, and on further examination it was found that life was not quite extinct. He is now in the hands of the physicians, and from last accounts was doing well.

Cattle Disease.

A dispatch from St. Louis, says the Spanish fever, or Texas cattle disease has broken out in the dairies in this city, and some twenty-five cows have died within the past two days. It is not known how the disease was communicated to the dairy cattle, but the sanitary officers are making a thorough investigation of the matter. There is no evidence of the disease in the stock yards, and every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of the plague.

Suicides.

Bank officers have taken the suicide mania. On the 28th ult., Wm. S. Boyer, President of the Shoe Manufacturer's Bank, of Boston, cut his throat.

The same day J. H. Rosenquest, cashier of a Tarrytown Bank, shuffled off the mortal coil with a pistol.

The day previous, the Cashier of the Brooklyn Trust Co., took the same method of leaving this world.

A Youthful Murderer.

During a quarrel in New York, last week Thomas Payne, aged twelve years, stabbed and mortally wounded William Farrell, aged thirteen. Payne had whipped a smaller boy, and Farrell interfered, when Payne drew a pocket-knife and stabbed Farrell near the heart. Payne was arrested.

A despatch from St. Louis, on the 25th ult., says General John F. Benjamin, of Shelby, was shot to-day by James Harley, his gardener. The ball entered the General's left side, but it is not known whether the wound is of a dangerous character. The affair grew out of some business transactions. Harley is in the habit of getting drunk, and when in that condition is very quarrelsome. General Benjamin formerly represented this district in Congress.

At West Chester, on the 26th, ult., a Mrs. Peterson attempted to kindle a fire by pouring kerosene oil upon it, when the can containing the fluid exploded, setting her clothing on fire, when she escaped into the street, and, by her terrific screams, brought persons to her aid, but her clothes were in flames, and before she could be divested of them or the flames extinguished, she was so badly burned that she can survive but a short time.

Miss Lizzie A. Stewart, daughter of Ansel Stewart, of Fair Haven, and Miss Cordelia Torry, of Boston, on Saturday last went in bathing at Quisset, a small island near Falmouth, got beyond their depth, and their cries for help brought Mr. Hardy Davis, of Falmouth, to their aid, but the ladies drew him under water, and all three were drowned.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A fire caused by a stroke of lightning last week in Antwerp, Belgium, burned a \$400,000 building.

A fire doing damage estimated at a half a million dollars occurred in Belfast, Me., last week; one woman was burned to death, and over 130 families are homeless.

Sheriff Low, who was shot by the mob while conveying the old man Kessler, from the court room to the depot, died last week at Fulton, Mo. His death creates a profound sensation.

The Philadelphia Herald's balloon expedition, which ascended from that city on Monday landed in New Jersey, ten miles east of Egg Harbor, having traveled fifty miles in fifty minutes.

Dr. H. L. Showalter fatally cut the throat of his wife Thursday evening at their residence, No. 58 St. Paul street, Baltimore, and then cut his own, inflicting a most frightful gash.

The steamer Huntsville, with one hundred and eighty head of cattle, swamped eighty miles below Cairo, Ill., Tuesday night. The cause of the accident is at present unknown. Half of the cattle were drowned. None of the crew were lost.

A Newport letter in a New York paper declares that the writer pulled a young woman out of the sea, in circumstances of some danger, after which she embraced him in an effusion of gratitude, and in so doing stole his watch.

Miss Seavey, of Belmont, N. H., a maiden lady, aged sixty years, died on the 21st ult., of voluntary starvation, having refused food for twenty-eight days. A sister of the deceased died in the same way a few years since.

A young man named Sheaffer employed in the Lancaster gas works was horribly burned last week by a coal oil lamp. Just as he applied the match to the lamp it exploded, and most of the burning oil was thrown over his body.

Port Jervis, New York, August 25.—Valentine Hoechst, saloon-keeper, shot and instantly killed a boatman named Corrigan, this afternoon. Corrigan was intoxicated and threw stones through the windows of the saloon. Hoechst was arrested.

Des Moines, August 26.—The engine of a freight train on the Chicago and Rock Island Railroad exploded yesterday near Atlantic, killing J. Dyer, brakeman, and badly scalding the engineer, George Crane, and a fireman named Harry Morgan.

About two o'clock last Monday morning a week, a barn belonging to Hugh W. Collins, of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was destroyed by fire and with it 400 bushels of oats, large quantity of hay, etc., entailing a loss of about \$3,000 on Mr. Collins and \$500 on his tenant.

Brooklyn, August 27.—Louisa Hill, aged nine years was enticed into a boat and outraged in the woods near Mosheth yesterday by Louis St. Clair, aged twenty-two. She was subsequently found and conveyed home. Her injuries are fatal, St. Clair was arrested this morning.

A dispatch from Sing Sing says the special Chicago express, which left New York at ten o'clock Tuesday morning, when three miles north of Sing Sing ran into a team of horses driven by a farmer named Cyrus Hillicker. The horses were instantly killed, the wagon shattered and Hillicker sustained fatal injuries.

The postoffice at Perry Station, in Pope county, Arkansas, on the line of the Fort Smith Railroad, having been broken into by thieves two or three times lately, and the postmaster having reported that he could not protect the mails, Special Mail Agent Edgarton has discontinued the office.

A short time since, two drovers belonging to Westmoreland county, were arrested in West Philadelphia, by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, charged with crowding sheep and calves into the same car, and keeping them without food or water for forty-seven consecutive hours. They were fined ten dollars and costs.

On the night of the 12th ult., the large barn of Joseph Stormer of Windsor township, York county, was struck by lightning and entirely destroyed. A mule, a young mare and all his harvest of the present year, together with a number of farming implements were also consumed. Mr. Stormer had an insurance of over \$3000 on the property destroyed.

A girl named Louisa Ross who left her father's residence, near Beaver creek, on the 15th inst., and came or was brought to a house of doubtful character in Hagers-town, at night, died on Monday under suspicious circumstances. Her friends knew nothing of her whereabouts until her death. A jury of inquest is sitting, and criminal developments are expected.

The N. Y. Herald asserts that a great change of climate from the Rocky Mountains to California is in progress. It learns from Salt Lake City that they have had in that basin this month more heavy showers than ever before in August, and this increase in the summer rainfall from Wyoming to Nevada has been steadily going on since the completion of the Union and Central Pacific iron artery across the Continent.

On the 25th, ult., as the express train on the New York Central R. R., was approaching Batavia it ran into a carriage, killing both occupants, James Anderson and Dennis Delaney. One of them was thrown a number of yards into a field and the other was dragged along until the train was stopped. His body was horribly mangled. The engineer, John Day, stopped the train as soon as possible and got off the engine to see what was done. In passing in front of the locomotive he saw it covered with blood and brains, and was so overcome by the shock that he walked but a few steps when he fell. He was carried into a smoking car and died in a few minutes.

The way passenger train on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad which left Philadelphia at 11:30 last Wednesday, came in collision near Downingtown and ran into the rear end of a stock train. The cars and the caboose of the latter were thrown from the track and the flagman, John McDowell, was killed. The engine and express and baggage cars of the passenger train were also thrown from the track, causing a blockade of the road. There were no other casualties than the one mentioned.

A few days ago a servant girl employed in a family on Locust street, west of Twentieth, Philadelphia, went into the cellar to get a scuttle of coal. Shortly after the family heard cries, and proceeding to the cellar they found that the girl had disappeared under the floor. It was discovered that a comparatively thin covering of earth had caved into a deep well, and the girl had fallen about twenty-five feet below the surface and lodged there, yet a considerable distance from the bottom of the well, the exact depth of which is not known. When taken out she was much bruised and nearly suffocated.

Detroit, August 29.—The night express west on the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad last night, consisting of a baggage car, two coaches, one sleeper and two emigrant cars, became disabled in consequence of the engine throwing a driving wheel off a mile east of Muir. It was followed by a through freight, which ran into the passenger train, killing four women and one child, and injuring ten others, all emigrants. Medical assistance was at once procured from Muir. None of the injured are dangerously hurt. The emigrants are Icelanders.

At the recent accident near Chicago, a Mr. Little, of Springfield, Ill., while in the agony of death, sent for the sleeping car conductor, told him his name, made his will and signed it, and handed over his watch and jewelry to be sent to his wife and family, and then requested the conductor to leave him and help those to whom help would be of avail. That man was made in the heroic mould. He was horribly scalded, boiled and mutilated, and yet he would not die until he had performed his last duty like a man.

Lake Tahoe, Nevada, has a curiosity. Half a mile from shore a tree stands perpendicular in eighty feet of water. It projects ten feet above the surface, and is fastened so firmly to the bottom that it affords safe moorage to the largest crafts on the lake.

Blane, the conductor of the coal train on the Chicago and Alton Railroad, which caused the recent terrible loss of life at Lemont, was arrested and committed to jail last week.

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