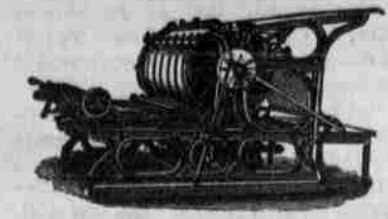


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MEMBERS: E. P. BOWMAN & CO., No. 30 North 5th Street, are our only authorized advertising agents for Philadelphia. Advertisers can make contracts with them at our lowest rates.

BALTIMORE has again been visited with a severe fire. This time the Holiday street theater with several other buildings, were destroyed.

THE New York detectives have arrested Mrs. Benton, an important witness in the Stokes case, who they have been looking for since the killing of Fiske. It is said Mrs. Benton saw Stokes throw away his pistol after the shooting. It is believed her evidence will be fatal to Stokes.

MISSISSIPPI has a statute that punishes and removes from office all found guilty of being drunk. This is a most excellent law, and, if enforced, should clear the courts of men who, having no power to govern themselves, should not be entrusted with the law to govern others.

INFORMATION has been received here that the German government has taken an additional five millions of United States five per cents. The subscription was made through the syndicate. This makes about seventeen millions subscribed by the German government.

MR. JOHN IRWIN, JR., of Bellefonte, Centre county, was last Thursday nominated as a candidate for State Senate, by the Republican Conference that assembled on that day at Tyrone for the purpose of making a Senatorial nomination.

THE ADVANCE in the price of coffee is very great caused by nearly a total failure of the South American coffee crop. The total amount of coffee now in first hands in this country is not sufficient to supply the demand for a month, while the receipts are quite small.

THE Republicans of Massachusetts have repudiated Gen. Butler, and one great cause of his defeat in obtaining the nomination for governor, was his support of the "Salary grab." The following resolution shows the feelings of the convention on that question:

Resolved, That the Republicans of Massachusetts emphatically disapprove of and condemn the action of those members of last Congress, Republicans and Democrats, who availed themselves of the occasion of an increase of the salary of the President and of the members of the Supreme Court and of the members of the Cabinet, supposed to be just and necessary for the future, to secure to themselves a disproportionate and extravagant compensation for past as well as for future service.

The convention nominated for Governor the present officer, Gov. Washburn. Gen. Butler having withdrawn from the canvass after seeing he had no show, the nomination of Washburn was made unanimously.

ON Tuesday last, Sir Edward Thornton and Mr. Archibald, the Consul-General of Great Britain, the agents of the British government to pay the Geneva award, called at the Department of State and paid to the Secretary of State \$15,500,000, awarded by the Geneva Tribunal to be paid by the government of Great Britain to that of the United States. The coin had been already deposited in the Treasury to their credit, and these gentlemen transferred to the Secretary the certificates therefore, which he immediately delivered to the Secretary of the Treasury thus paying into the Treasury the \$15,500,000, to be used as provided by the act of March 3, 1873. Five per cent. registered bonds are issued to an equal amount to be held in trust by the Secretary of State, subject to the future disposition of Congress, as directed by the act.

A FEW weeks ago a man named John Irvin, confessed to the police authorities in San Francisco, that he was one of the persons who committed the Nathan murder in New York, nearly three years since. His assertions were received with much doubt by the New York police, who say his confession is merely a dodge to get taken to New York. Some of his statements however, seem to give his confession a color of truth, as he tells about a memorandum book which has been missing since the murder, that had until this time been forgotten. Irvin says with proper guarantees for his safety in New York, he will produce the Nathan memorandum book and bonds taken from the safe on the night of the murder. So there is a chance for the mystery which has so long shrouded this murder to be cleared away.

It is said that an English company with a capital of \$5,000,000 propose settling near Birmingham, Alabama.

Balloon News.

The work of inflating the trans-Atlantic balloon was commenced this morning, and continued successfully until about quarter filled, when, at 8 o'clock, the huge monster began to sway to and fro in such a terrible manner that it became entirely unmanageable, and fears were entertained that it would break loose from the fastenings. There were during the great part of the morning only half-a-dozen men engaged in the work, under the supervision of Mr. Donaldson, and it was clearly manifest that unless more labor could be obtained the work could not possibly be carried on. Men are sent out to obtain a large force of help, but before their arrival Mr. Donaldson was compelled to suspend the inflation. The safety-valves were opened, but the gas escaped so slowly that it became necessary to cut a hole in the balloon. An incision of about six feet square was made by Mr. D., and the monster at once commenced to ease down. Meanwhile a large force of men arrived, but after a short consultation between Messrs. Goodsell and Donaldson it was decided that the ascension must be postponed for the present. The arrangements for the inflation were of the most meagre character, and despite the energy of Mr. Donaldson the few men under his control became so demoralized that they could not be got to obey orders. In fact, as the balloon swayed here and there they stood at times as though they were paralyzed, and in many instances positively refused to approach it. The sand-bags were strewn all around the arena in which the balloon was placed, and on all sides presented obstacles. A few of the small number who endeavored to assist Mr. Donaldson tumbled over them, and in the excitement became almost as useless as those who stood looking on. There were up to this time about fifty persons in the inclosure, and they too stood around, declining to give any help. It was noticeable that up to 11 o'clock Prof. Wise had not appeared, nor did he send any explanation of his absence, and it is now accepted as a certainty that he has abandoned his trans-Atlantic balloon trip. Our reporter called on Mr. Donaldson for his statement in relation to the postponement. He said that instead of placing at least one hundred men at his disposal, on commencing work this morning he found only four, but being determined to make a start, if possible, he commenced work at 3 A. M., expecting to hear from Prof. Wise. This gentleman had not made his appearance so far, and he was unable to explain his absence, unless, indeed, he had abandoned all idea of making the trip. "However, I am," said Mr. Donaldson, "determined that this balloon shall go up, be the consequence what they may." Reporter—"How long will it take to sew the tear up which you have just made?" "I cannot say; it must be done by hand, and with the utmost care, and may therefore take considerable time. You see, we must send over to New York for experienced hands, and by the time they get here it may be too dark to do the work."—N. Y. Express of the 10th inst.

On Friday another attempt was made to inflate the balloon, but when about two thirds full it burst and nearly suffocated some of the spectators. The enterprise has been abandoned for the present.

Terrible Accident.

At Williamsburg, New York, on Tuesday last a balcony ninety feet long, fell two stories to the sidewalk, carrying with it nearly 100 people. The Seventy-first regiment of N. Y. city had been visiting the Forty-seventh regiment, and were returning home, the streets being filled with thousands of people. Just as the last two companies of the Seventy-first regiment were opposite the building on which was attached the balcony, it gave way, precipitating them on the heads of the people below. The military immediately halted, laid down their arms and rushed to the assistance of the people. Those who were hurt were taken to a hospital, which was contiguous to the building where the accident occurred. Twenty were injured, including Miss Williams and Miss Vanduyke fatally Daniel Brown seriously, and the remainder slightly. Many others were scratched and bruised. It is stated that many of the ladies who were injured were robbed of their watches and jewelry by thieves, and many had their pockets picked. The cause of the accident was defective iron work.

Singular Accident.

One evening last week, as the steamer St. John, was leaving her pier at the foot of Canal street, on her trip from New York to Albany, two brothers, named Daniel D. and Charles J. Mahoney, who had delayed on the boat, attempted to jump ashore. Daniel fell into the river. His wife, who was on the pier, saw the accident and began to cry for help. Charles Mahoney fell also into the river, and the passengers on the boat crowded to the side to see what was the matter, the gate gave way and a number fell into the river, but Captain Leary, of the police, rescued seven persons, who were taken to the nearest hotel and took the train for Albany. A hat was picked up, but no person claims it. The steamer never stopped for a moment but proceeded on her journey.

A Remarkable Murder.

A few days since Miss Hamill, of Williamsburg, N. Y., was killed by a friend under circumstances that make it one of the most remarkable murders on record. So far as it appears from present evidence the murdered woman, having a large sum of money with her, visited a friend—one Mrs. Merrigan—with whom she had long been on terms of intimacy. That friend strangled her with a cord, occupied during the night the same bed with the body of her victim, and in the morning saturated the bed and room with kerosene, and set it on fire to conceal her crime. The nerve, no less than the fiendish cruelty, of the murderer excites our amazement as well as horror. The victim was a curiously eccentric young woman. She was educated and rich, and yet appears to have had no friends except Mrs. Merrigan, who before her final crime, had stolen money from her—a fact which does not seem to have affected their intimacy. It is said that Mrs. Merrigan, before setting fire to the room containing the murdered body of Miss Hamill, moved the furniture into an adjoining building to save it from being destroyed. Mr. Merrigan stated in an interview that his wife had been subject to fits, but he did not consider that a serious matter. Once she had a fall, the effect of which she complained of as hurtful, but beyond this he knew of nothing amiss with her, mentally or physically.

Sufferings at Sea.

The schooner Abbie Bradford, from Hudson's Bay, reports the loss of two New Bedford whalers, and brings a portion of the crew of one of them. The particulars are as follows: On the 14th of September, 1873, the bark Orray Taft, at anchor near Marble Island, Hudson's Bay, parted her cables and went ashore, landing high and dry, in such a position that she cannot be got off. On the 8th of October following the bark Ansel Gibbs went ashore at same place, went to pieces, and is a total wreck. The Orray Taft had no oil, but the Ansel Gibbs had 550 barrels of whale oil and 11,000 pounds of bone, most of which was lost; a small amount was saved by the Abbie Bradford. No men were lost at the time of wrecks, but both crews were obliged to live on the island until the 2nd of August last, and, from exposure and lack of proper food, were attacked by scurvy. The winter was fearfully cold, being the most severe felt in a number of years, so that the natives of the island died by scores. The wrecked crews suffered exceedingly, and ten of the crew of the Ansel Gibbs, and four of the crew of the Orray Taft, died.

An Outrage and what Came of it.

At New York on the 4th inst., a brutal fellow, named Hefferman, outraged a girl of ten years, named Barrett, and by threats frightened her into silence until Tuesday last, when her mother discovered the facts. Her uncle, Michael Barrett, was told of the outrage and became so exasperated that he bought a revolver, came across a man he thought was Hefferman and fired at him, but without effect. The man he fired at proved to be another party, and Barrett, was arrested. Meantime Edward Barrett, father of the child, sought consolation in drink and was arrested next night for drunkenness. Wednesday morning the father was about being sent to jail by Judge Delmar, when the case of Michael Barrett, for shooting at a strange man came before him, and the facts, as above stated, became known to the Judge, when he released the father, and the uncle was bailed, but Hefferman was committed for trial. The condition of the child is pitiable.

Yellow Fever.

New Orleans, September 12.—A dispatch from Shreveport to-day to Messrs. Nash & Hodgson, says:

The city continues in great need of help. The yellow fever is of a malignant type, does not yield readily to treatment. There is a great scarcity of people to attend the sick.

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A dispatch from W. A. L'Hommédieu, of Marshall, Texas, Telegraph Superintendent, Flanery, of this city, says everything is in great confusion in Shreveport. There were thirty deaths there yesterday. The fever is reported worse to-day.

The following is an extract from a private letter dated Shreveport, 7: "The town is nearly depopulated by the stamped and sickness. About sixty people have died, and there are still a great number sick. One awful characteristic of the sickness is that no one attacked has recovered."

Little Rock, September 12.—Several parties who left Shreveport yesterday report the yellow fever on the increase. Every stage leaving that city for this place is crowded with terror-stricken people. A son of Mr. Brooks, proprietor of the Southern Hotel, at Shreveport, who arrived here yesterday, received a telegram to-night announcing the death of his father from the pestilence. It is rumored that the Red river raft had something to do with the pestilence.

Shreveport, La., September 13.—Up to 4 P. M. to-day there were eighteen deaths from yellow fever. Whole families are down with it, and the nurses are worn out.

Look Among Your Loose Change.

An expert clerk in a New York city bank has detected two points of difference between the genuine and counterfeit \$500 notes, which were not mentioned in the government description, and which are more easily observed than some of those mentioned. In the genuine note the signature of Mr. Spinner clearly overlies the seal, while in the counterfeit the seal has evidently been stamped on after the signature. In the counterfeit the center star in the cluster around the neck of the Goddess of Liberty is defective, while in the genuine it is perfect. These differences ought to be sufficiently easy of observation to prevent you passing any counterfeit by mistake.

We have reliable information to the effect that an attempt was made in Huston township, on Saturday night a week, to blow up a school house. A can of powder was ignited under the building, and the shock was so heavy that it raised a double floor enough to tip over the table and the lamps, and elevated the building so as to blow out the boards which lay on the walls under the sills. The malice of the act is fully developed when we state that a temperance meeting was in progress and about twenty persons were in the building at the time of the explosion. The wickedness of this act is more readily imagined than detailed.—Clearfield Republican.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A negro stole the carpet from a Tennessee church, and cut it up into horse blankets, and the congregation all went over Broad river to see him immersed. From some unaccountable accident he was held under the water just one minute too long.

St. Louis, September 11.—The Pleasant Hill (Nebraska) News says the jail at the place was burned early on Tuesday morning, and its inmates, four in number, perished in the flames. It is supposed the building was fired by one of the prisoners in order to effect his escape, but the flames spread so rapidly he was suffocated.

It is related that a man in Fayette county, recently, while out gathering blackberries, heard a rattlesnake's peculiar note of warning, and looked around on all sides before discovering that he was standing with both feet on the reptile, but so close to its head that it could not bite him. He changed position immediately, but killed the snake.

At Havana, on the 9th inst., the square of buildings known as the Plaza Vapor was reduced to ashes. The fire broke out simultaneously in the four corners of the square, and is supposed to be the work of incendiaries. The loss is estimated at over \$3,000,000. It is reported that twenty lives were lost. The scenes around the burning square were exciting and terrible, and many parents threw their children from the balconies to save them from the flames.

Monroe, La., September 9.—Judge T. S. Crawford and District Attorney Arthur H. Harris, of the Twelfth judicial district, were assassinated yesterday, twelve miles southwest of Winnesboro, in Franklin parish; while on their way to hold Court at that place. The bearer of this information says they were shot seven times and their brains blown out. The murderers are not known, but it is thought that personal and not political differences led to the assassination. Crawford was a Radical and Harris a Democrat. Both leave families.

The Pittsburg coroner's record of Monday a week, shows three sudden deaths, all of which were of a rather peculiar, and one at least of a horrible nature. John Hock perished in a cess pool. Thomas Fitzgerald broke his neck by falling head backward from his own doorstep, and John Martin, a fireman, was crushed to death in a sand bank. Martin had been working in the bank but a few minutes, when suddenly, and without an instant's warning, the gravel buried him. Every exertion for his rescue was made, but without avail, life being extinct when he was reached.

Danville was the scene of a terrible accident a short time since. A number of men were pouring about a ton of molten metal into molds, when the confined air expanded by the heat caused an explosion, throwing the red hot metal in every direction and burning every man in the foundry more or less. The scene for a time was fearful. The liquid metal fell on the person of the workmen, burned through their clothing and ran in streams down their flesh. The men ran about almost frantic with pain, and tore their clothing from their bodies until in a few moments they stood entirely naked, and a fearful sight to behold.

At Memphis, some days since J. E. White, a prominent citizen, was arrested on a charge of horse stealing, and within a few days subsequent, no less than a dozen specific charges for similar offenses were made public. He was committed for trial without bail.

Last week his wife came to see him, and after spending about half an hour with him, came to the prison gate and asked to be let out, and when the guard opened the

gate White presented a cocked revolver at his head and cried, "Let me out, or die!" The guard sprang back and White darted out and mounted a horse which was in waiting, and dashed off before an alarm could be given. Up to dark he had not been recaptured. His wife had carried the revolver to him in her bustle, and had a horse in waiting. She was arrested.

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