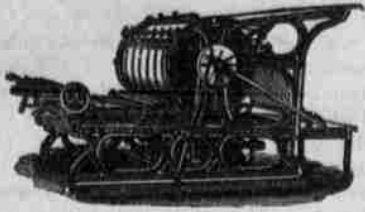


The Bloomfield Times.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A.

Tuesday, September 23, 1873.



CHICAGO has again been visited with fire doing damage amounting to half a million of dollars. It occurred on the 17th inst., and broke out in the hay depot of the Chicago & Burlington R. R., burning over four blocks before it could be extinguished.

The Constitutional Convention is again in session, having resumed business again on last Tuesday. Should they stretch out the debates, as they did in the spring sessions, the people will soon tire of reading of their doings, and become disgusted with the new constitution, and decide against it before the convention adjourns.

WARREN is much excited over the probable termination of the land suit now contested in court for the third time, between the Irvine and Biddle heirs and Buck and Noble. There is a large amount at stake and a precedent to be established. Nearly fifty years ago certain portions of this tract was entered upon the list as unseated and sold for taxes. This land is situated across the river at Tidoute. There were 200 acres upon which there had been some improvements, and, as the law demanded at that time, positive surveys made at the time of sale to protect adjoining tracts, it is claimed by one party that such survey was made. This party brought from the west a man who swears he was with the surveyor when the lines were made and points out the witness tree. Several other surveyors are brought forward to prove there was no such survey. The witness tree was found, and with a surface smooth and unbroken. Still the western man insists that was the tree, and that the tree was marked. At last this tree was opened, and singularly enough inside was found the traces of the axe that cannot be controverted. This tree has long hidden valuable evidences.

A Financial Panic.

During the past four days there has been unusual excitement in financial circles. The commencement of the trouble was caused by the failure of Jay Cooke & Co., whose banking houses are located in New York, Philadelphia and Washington, with Foreign branches in London and Paris. At 11 o'clock on Thursday the doors of the Philadelphia banking house were closed, and in less than half an hour an excited crowd had gathered so that Third street was almost impassable. Messrs Cooke & Co., say their suspension is only temporary and that they have assets enough to secure every depositor against loss. Half an hour later in the day the banking house of E. W. Clark & Co., closed. The day following DeHaven & Bro., suspended and the failure of several prominent brokers was announced.

In New York several well known bankers and about twenty brokers have failed, though up to the time this was written no bank in that city has stopped payment though a severe run was made on the "Union Trust Company."

On Saturday the general feeling among bankers was, that the worst of the panic was over. All that is needed, is for the public to have confidence in the parties with whom they deposit, and in a short time, all will be well again. Should depositors however, make a sudden demand for their balances, the necessary result would be a general suspension, as no bank can pay dividends by keeping the funds of their depositors in their vaults. A general rush would make it impossible for them to realize on their securities, and cause a shrinkage in values that would be disastrous.

Important to Druggists.

In a letter to Supervisor Alex. P. Tutton, of Philadelphia, the commissioner of internal revenue states that "medicines and medicinal preparations, to be exempt from the stamp tax, must not be patent or proprietary. They must not be put up in a style or manner similar to that of patent or proprietary medicines. They must not be advertised as having any special proprietary claim to merit, etc. They must not be sold or offered for sale, or advertised under any other name, form or guise than that demonstrated and laid down in the authorized published medical works or journals. Whoever departs from these plain and simple rules in making, preparing, recommending to the public, and vending, or offering or exposing his medicines, etc., for sale, has no claim under the law to exemption from the stamp tax."

Detectives Irving and Dusenbury start in a few days for San Francisco, to bring Irving to New York, to testify relative to the Nathan murder.

The Arctic Expedition.

A vessel which arrived in Liverpool last week, brings the missing portion of Capt. Hall's arctic expedition. The rescued Polar party report that after separation from Tyson and his companions, the Polaris was finally abandoned in a sinking condition by Captain Buddington, and the remainder of the expedition. The party wintered in Life-Boat cove, where they built a timber house, which they covered with sails. The winter passed without event, except the breaking out of scurvy, which, however, was unattended by severe symptoms. Plentiful supplies of walrus liver for food were obtained from the natives, and to this is attributed the mildness of the disease. In the spring two boats were built of thin pine boards taken from the cabin of the Polaris. On these the whole party embarked, as soon as the ice opened, and sailed southward. On 3d of June they sighted Cape York, and on June 22nd were picked up by the whaler Ravenscraig. The following additional particulars have been obtained from the rescued crew of the Polaris. The Polaris drifted into Life-Boat cove, and was beached there with difficulty. The Esquimaux assisted in bringing provisions from the wreck, and readily sold skins and clothing to the men while the boat building was going on. The mercury frequently marked twenty-three degrees below zero. During the voyage southward ice was once encountered off Northumberland Island and a delay of three days was caused, twenty miles north of Cape York, by adverse winds.

As to the statement that the ship might have aided the party on the ice, all agree that it was impossible after the Polaris broke adrift to learn the whereabouts of those left behind. Every effort was made to find them but to no avail. The ships sent out to rescue this party, will now be recalled.

A Dreadful Predicament.

Recently, at a late hour of the night, the people domiciled in a well-known lodging-house in Utica, were aroused by calls for help proceeding from one of the rooms, and a general uprising, donning of garments, and rush to the scene took place. There a sight met their gaze which aroused the mirth of the men and caused the women to beat a hasty retreat. From over the transom of the door to one of the bedrooms protruded a pair of masculine legs, clad but in an undergarment, while a faint voice from the inside reiterated the calls for assistance. The men worked promptly, but it was several minutes before the unfortunate could be rescued from his disagreeable predicament, and when taken down he was nearly exhausted from suffocation. It appears that he had returned home late, but, late as he was, his room-mate was still out and he had the key with him. Anxious to get to bed, and not wishing to make any more noise than could be helped, our friend disrobed himself to avoid tearing his garments and to facilitate his movements, and endeavored to enter the room through the transom. After he got half through his courage failed him at the prospect of diving to the floor, and he twisted and squirmed to secure an easy descent, the result being that he finally got upon his back and hung there, head down, unable to get out or in, and the blood rushing to his head, he was eventually forced to call for help. He is going to carry the key himself hereafter.

Got off too Cheap.

The Selingsgrove, Times says: Thursday evening, 11th inst., a party of men from Millersburg, Dauphin Co., who were engaged in towing a lot of timber rafts down the canal, tied up in this borough after dark for the night.

They stretched their lines across the public road leading to the Maine sawmill, above Schoch & Bro's warehouse, and fastened them to the willows along the road. Mr. A. M. Carey and wife, having no knowledge of this obstruction, drove up the road on their way home at a fair trot in an open buggy, and one of the ropes struck them on their necks and caused a serious turmoil for a short time. Mrs. Carey was not much hurt, but Mr. Carey, had his throat seriously damaged, and it looked as though he had just slipped the gallows. The harness broke and the horse left the buggy, dragging Mr. Carey out over the casher by the lines. All of which happened in about two seconds. The rafting party were found at the hotel, and they settled their mistake by paying five dollars to repair damage to harness, etc.

Terrible Railroad Disaster—Twenty Persons Killed.

Grand Rapids, Sept. 16.—Midnight.—The express train going east on the Detroit and Milwaukee railroad, which left Grand Rapids at 6.30 o'clock p. m., consisting of thirteen coaches and one baggage car, ran off the track between Lowell and Ada. It is rumored that the entire train went into a ditch, killing twenty persons and wounding many others. Physicians are now leaving for the scene of the disaster, and preparations are being hastily made for the relief of the sufferers.

An amateur "shootist" in Scranton, fired off his pistol at the side of a big house, but missed it, and managed to hit Mrs. Fred. Rehr in the arm. The ball passed within an inch of the head of an infant which Mrs. Rehr was holding in her arms at the time.

An Ingenious Sportsman.

An ingenious Minnesota youth is to be credited with a novelty in the way of duck hunting. He lives at a beautiful spot known as Rice Lake, from the wild rice growing on its margin as thick as wheat in a field. Ducks love this rice, and when they have partaken of a sufficient quantity their flesh becomes of a nature to tempt the palate of an anchorite. But the Rice Lake ducks, either from experience or an instinct which may be said to be wisdom intensified, do not like human company, and when they see a hunter approaching generally hasten out of gunshot range.

Dick, the youth before alluded to, was particularly fond of ducks, and looked with contempt upon the futile efforts of his sire to provide the table with this delicacy. He determined to have some ducks for dinner if it took all the morning to accomplish the task. Proceeding to the cornfield he selected a large pumpkin, cut a hole in one end, removed the internal arrangements, carried it down to the shore, divested himself of his clothes, placed the pumpkin over his head, and waded in among the rice. In a short time the fat and tender pioneer of a flock of ducks approached, and imagining the vegetable to be free from guile, encouraged the others to follow.

They were partaking of their matutinal meal, when astonishment struck them at the sight of the pioneer suddenly diving—not that there is anything astonishing in a duck diving—but this one dived feet foremost and neglected to come up. A committee of one was appointed to investigate, and approaching the pumpkin, suddenly made a backward dive, and was gone. This was enough for the others. They fled in dismay, and henceforth numbered as among their deadliest terrors the innocent ingredient of New England pies.

Miscellaneous News Items.

A ruffian shot a waiter in a barroom on Madison street, Chicago, last week, because he asked him to pay for the beer he had drunk. The waiter will die. The ruffian escaped although pursued.

An insane woman, a steerage passenger on the steamship City of Brooklyn at sea, on the 7th inst., threw her little boy overboard, then with her babe in her arms jumped overboard. She was rescued and resuscitated. The children were drowned.

A southwestern man recently forwarded to Washington nineteen mutilated three cent postage stamps, and modestly asked the postmaster general to either send him good ones in return or "make it right" by giving him an appointment of some kind.

Gen. E. S. M'Cook, killed recently in Dakota territory, was well and favorably known by many soldiers of the late war residing in this state, and his untimely death is universally regretted by his former comrades in arms. The Seventh Pennsylvania cavalry was attached to his brigade.

A young lady who had her scalp torn off by an accident in New Haven recently is reported to be doing finely. The physicians have found thirteen persons willing to part with a small piece of their cuticle, and the medical gentlemen have placed the contributions on the head of the patient with gratifying results.

On the 18th inst., a terrible tragedy occurred at Greenville, N. J. Two bakers, one named Mann and the other unknown, met that morning while riding in wagons.

Without a word of exclamation Mann drew a revolver and shot the other dead on the spot. Mann then shot himself. He was conveyed home, where he died shortly after. Jealousy was the cause.

Louisville, September 17.—Morton, the forger, got on the Indianapolis train last night at half past ten o'clock. The cashier and book-keeper of the Farmers' and Drivers' bank were in the same car looking for him. When the train was three hundred yards north of Jeffersonville Norton was recognized by the cashier, and running through the car he jumped from the platform while the train was in motion and escaped. Police and detective officers from this city and Jeffersonville are searching for him.

Foreign Items.

The walls of a building in the town of Stonehouse, Devonshire, which had been recently burned, fell on the 15th inst., killing eight persons and injuring several others.

Paris, September 13.—Verdun was evacuated by the German troops this morning. Immediately after they had left the town, the streets were filled with rejoicing residents, and numberless French flags were displayed from buildings.

Havana, September 14.—The subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers, by the recent conflagration have reached \$200,000. An American lately arrived from New York has been arrested at Cardenas, on a charge of attempting to circulate counterfeit bills of the Spanish bank of Havana.

Constantinople, Sept. 16.—There was a violent storm on the Black Sea last week which proved very destructive to shipping. Seventy vessels were wrecked near the mouth of Bosphorus. Nearly all on board

perished. At one point on the coast 265 corpses have been washed ashore.

London, September 15.—A number of emigrants who left England for Brazil have returned, bringing doleful accounts of their treatment in the latter country. They declare they have experienced great hardships since their departure from their homes and that the promises made to them by the agents of the Brazilian government in this country have been flagrantly broken.

Brownsville, Texas, September 17.—There is a rumor current that General Roch, commander in chief of the Mexican army, is getting up a revolution on his own accord. General Rocha has the reputation of being the best fighting man in the Mexican army, and if he rebels will have plenty of followers. He is now at Zacatecas, in command of a large force, and is said to be in sympathy with the malcontents of Saltillo and Monterey.

London, September 13.—A dispatch has been received at the admiralty office from the commander of the British steam sloop Daphne, announcing the capture by that vessel in the Indian Ocean, near the Seychelle Island, of a slave ship, upon which there had been horrible suffering. The small pox had raged on the ship, and out of three hundred slaves taken on board two hundred and fifty had died. The remaining fifty were terribly emaciated from disease and want.

A Strange Accident.

Lydia McBride, a young woman employed in a family at Berketsville, Md., recently met with a singular accident. She was engaged in washing, and while thus employed the kitchen hearth on which she was standing suddenly gave way, precipitating her into the cellar beneath. The hearth also supported one end of the cook-stove, and when the former gave way the latter dropped sufficient to cause a couple of pots and the hot water in the boiler to fall through the aperture upon the young woman, scalding her very badly about the face and arms and bruising her considerably.

Bloomfield Academy.—This school, which opened its new session last week, is rapidly increasing and bids fair to outstrip in the number of its scholars the previous spring session, large as that was. Several scholars from Cumberland county enter this week. The principal, Rev. John Edgar is on the ground with his able assistant, Prof. A. L. Markel. Miss E. M. Green and Miss Mary Harmon, both of Philadelphia, have charge, respectively of the Painting and Drawing and of the Music, Vocal and Instrumental.

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