

Inhuman Cruelty of a Step-mother.

Polly Omstead has been found guilty of the murder, by slow degrees, of her own step child in Illinois.

It appears that Omstead married again about three weeks after the death of his first wife—at which time the child was about five years old. This was about eighteen months ago. Soon after the marriage the new wife confined the little girl in the kitchen, and there kept her most of the time tied, and without fire. In this situation she was forced to remain up to the time of her death; having no food allowed her except half a pint of coffee or milk and a piece of cold bread every day.

No bed-clothes were allowed her in any weather further than a single scanty quilt.

This fiendish woman often amused herself by beating the child in the most outrageous manner, and on one occasion compelled another child to choke her until she was black in the face. She continually forced her to eat rotten fruit and vegetables of various kinds, together with other filth which it would not be seemly to describe. Sometimes she would fasten the little girl under the kitchen floor and leave her there for hours. Other details were given, which are too shocking for publication. The poor little sufferer often wished herself dead. On one occasion she escaped from the kitchen and was seen trying to climb a pole which stood in the yard. Upon being asked where she was going, she replied she was going to the other world to see her mother. The heartless stepmother over-dressed her down with curses, and the trembling little creature fell, in her weakness her head striking violently against the wall of the house.

The jury found the woman guilty of manslaughter, and she was sentenced to two years service in the State Prison.

A Reminiscence.

Sixty-nine years ago, the 4th of November, a party of adventurers from the Eastern States, after a long and tedious journey, descended the Ohio River, and encamped upon the spot where Newport Barracks now stand. They were separated for the several "stations" in Kentucky, and turned their steps through the wilderness, first pledging each other, in a spirit, that may be termed prophetically romantic, to meet upon the same spot, or such of them as might survive, in fifty years from that day. This agreement was made on the 4th day of November, 1782.

In the year 1832, on the 4th day of November, precisely fifty years after the time of the agreement, *four* of the old band met upon the spot, to fulfil their promise! One of them was over ninety years of age; the rest were under thirty and ten. After remaining a few days, they turned their steps homeward—not through a wilderness as they did half a hundred years before, but through scenes of busy life and the boom of industrial millions; nor did they promise another meeting, as that was an event fixed by a higher will; and it has taken place! they are all dead!

A Prophecy.

The following sentence, copied from a Fourth of July oration delivered in the town of Boston in 1787, by Judge Dawes, is more wild and improbable than almost any of the wild flights with which men now amuse themselves:

"A legislation common, in certain cases to all the States, will make us a nation in reality as well as in name. This will permit us to respect our own station, and to treat on equal grounds with other powers; will suffer us to be just at home and respectable abroad; will render property secure, and convince us that the payment of debts is our trust, policy and our highest honor. This will encourage husbandry and arts; will settle with numerous families the banks of Ohio and the borders of Kentucky. Huron's neglected waves; Superior's wilderness of waters, now forlorn and unemployed, shall bear the countless vessels of internal traffic. Niagara's foaming cataract, crowned with columns of vapor and refracted fire, shall not always bar the intercourse of the mighty lakes. The mechanic arts shall find a passage from Erie to Ontario, and Champlain shall be led in triumph to the bosom of the deep."

Wonders of the Heavens.

Sir John Herschell, in his essay on the power of the telescope to penetrate into space, says there are stars so infinitely remote as to be situated at the distance of twelve millions of millions of miles from the earth; so that light, which travels with a velocity of twelve millions of miles in a minute, would require two millions of years for its transit from those distant orbs to our own; while the astronomer, who should record the aspect or mutations of such a star, would be relating its history at the present day, but that which took place two millions of years gone by. What is our earth in space so almost infinite: and still more, what is man, that he should be the special object of regard to the infinite Author of this system of worlds?

A CONGRESSMAN KANED.—Col. Bissell, the talented M. C. from Illinois, has generally been regarded as the bravest of the Stockholders of the Brooklyn and Lenox Turnpike Road Company who held the annual meeting of the Stockholders of said company will be held at the house of Crow & Brothers, in Lenox, on the first Monday in January, at one o'clock p.m. [50x3] E. R. GROW, President.

Turnpike Notice.

THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Lenox and Haverhill Turnpike Road Company will be held at the house of Col. Stebbins, in Gilson township, on Monday the 1st day of January next, at ten o'clock a.m. A person to serve as President, one Secretary, one Treasurer, and one manager, to serve the company during the year. By order of the Board. BENJ. COMFORT, Secretary.

Clock, Watches, and Jewelry, Musical Boxes & Accordeons.

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tice that he will attend to the duties of said appointment in the usual manner as cases respectively, at his office in Montrose, on Friday the 16th day of January next, at one o'clock p.m., at which time all persons interested will present their claims before me or be debarred from claiming in for a share of such assets.

WM. J. TURKELL, Auditor.

Dec. 12, 1851.

Bounty Land Claimants

WHY performed their duty in any of the towns of Danville, Nov. 22, 1814, are hereby notified that as farther proof of service, in each applicant's case, is required,

will meet them at my office in Montrose, on the 28th inst., to perfect the claim of each soldier, in accordance with the requirement of the Pension Department.

In order to facilitate the business, I request all claimants alluded to above, to attend at that time.

J. H. DUNCK, Land and Pension Agent.

Montrose, Dec. 10, 1851.

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SHIPPING FURS.

THE subscriber will pay cash for all good prime

Fox, Mink, Marten, Otter, Fisher and Bear skins at fair prices, and although Coon and Mink are very low this year in market, yet he will buy them in trade or part cash of what they are worth.

A. C. TYLER.

Montrose, Dec. 1, '51.

WANTED

IN search for goods by the subscriber, all

kinds of Manufactured Goods, also, Beeswax,

Gesso, Fenders, 2' moths, Red, Rags, Butter,

Cheese, Lard, Pork, etc.

M. C. TYLER.

Montrose, Dec. 1, '51.

Notice.

Dr. G. Z. Dimock having gone a journey leaves the business of his office in charge of Dr. C. C. Halsey, to whom he commends his friends.

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NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of the Convocation of North Eastern Pa. in St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county. Service to commence on Tuesday, 30th inst., at 3 o'clock, P.M. Services three times on each of the following days. JOHN LONG.

NOTICE.

The Electric Botanic Medical Society will meet at the Court House in Montrose, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1852. A general attendance is solicited. The meeting will be addressed by Dr. R. Thayer and others.

NOTICE.

In Scottville, Wyoming county, on the 2d ult., Anna Eliza, wife of Reuben P. Fasset, and only daughter of Luther and Eliza A. Shaw, of Franklin, Susquehanna county, in the 21st year of her age, obtained a hope in Christ and lived an exemplary Christian for about three years. She had been laboring under the spasms of opium, which appears to be the cause of her last illness which terminated in her death. Her friends deeply lament their loss, yet mourn not as those who have no hope. She has left behind a well-grounded assurance that she has gone to rep the reward of the righteous.

[C.] In Silver Lake on the 14th inst., DANA C. only child of Edmund G. and Electa Meeker, aged four years.

There went too fair and bright for earth, and in mercy called away.

Erre th' hast learned sin's bitterness, in hoiness to dwell;

Among the shining ones above, who cease not night nor day.

To strike their golden lyres to Him, who doeth all things well."

NOTICE.

THE Notes and Accounts of the late firm of Elmer & Newell, in the hands of Chamberlin, Esq., for collection, and unless settled before the first of January, they will be sold indiscriminately.

G. B. ELDRED.

Dec. 1, 1851.

NOTICE.

THE Hon. the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the County of Susquehanna?

THE Office of Enoch Chambers, of the Bureau of Land Survey, respectfully requests, that he be permitted to have a small office in the township of Lenox, in the county of Susquehanna, and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by the road leading from Springville, in the township of Lenox, on the east by the road leading to Nicholsburg, on the south and west by lands of A. Beardley, containing one-half acre, ac. in the same or less, together with the appurtenances, one framed dwelling house, one framed barn, and all improved, late the estate of Polly Hoadley.

Taken in execution at the suit of Calvin Leet, to the use of Henry M. Pierce, against Polly Hoadley, with notice to Charles Burr, T. T. C. M. GERRE, late Sheriff.

Sheriff's office, Montrose.

Sheriff's Sales.

BY virtue of writs of Ven. Ex. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna county, and to me directed, I will sell to the public at the Courthouse in Montrose, Saturday, January 17th, 1852, at one o'clock p.m., all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate in the township of Clifford, in the county of Susquehanna, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by lands of William F. Weaver, on the east by lands of Thomas Burdick, on the south by lands of Alanson Hallsted, and on the west by lands of Fredrick and John Hallsted, in the township of Clifford, in the county of Susquehanna, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by the road leading from Springville, in the township of Lenox, on the east by the road leading to Nicholsburg, on the south and west by lands of A. Beardley, containing one-half acre, ac. in the same or less, together with the appurtenances, one framed dwelling house, one framed barn, and all improved, late the estate of Polly Hoadley.

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