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NEWS ITEMS.

Mrs. Elisha B. Fero, of Davenport, Delaware county, N. Y., was murdered, as was supposed, by burglars, on Tuesday night. Her husband stated that he was awakened during the night by some one putting his hand under his pillow, and saw a man standing with a pistol pointed at his head. He knocked the man's hand aside, the pistol was discharged, and Mrs. Fero was killed. An inquest held by the Coroner revealed the fact that in addition to the pistol shot wound Mrs. Fero had sustained fractures of the skull in two places, and consequently returned a verdict holding the husband on suspicion of murder. Alleged infidelities on his part are put forth as his motives for the commission of the deed.

On Saturday last six negroes, two of them women, were attempting to cross the Savannah River, near Savannah, in a small boat when the boat upset, and three men and one of the women were drowned. Their frantic cries while struggling in the water brought to the shore two or three hundred persons of their own color from neighboring plantations, who mingled their wild shouts with those of the drowning persons. One colored man swam out to the capsized boat, and with great risk seized two of the six and placed them on the boat, and after ascertaining that the other four had disappeared, swam with the boat and the rescued negroes to shore.

About 4 o'clock Friday morning burglars entered the Franklin Institute building in Philadelphia and blew open the safe, in which there was no valuable. One of them was captured as he was leaving the building. The explosion was so violent as to break the windows in the neighborhood and caused the sleepers, who believed a great earthquake had occurred.

A convict, Kingston, Canada, Penitentiary was seized by the guard, on Thursday. He was detected trying to cut the cord which attached the alarm bell, and taking it off was shot. On his body a large number of skeleton keys was found, and it being a general attempt to break jail had been contemplated by the prisoners.

Scoville, the defaulting cashier of the St. Stephen's Bank, at St. Johns, N. B., escaped from the custody of the sheriff, on Thursday morning. Arrangements have been made which will enable the bank to resume business speedily.

Gen. Sherman, Thomas, Schofield, and many of their staff officers, are going to attend the reunion of the Army of the Cumberland, in Chicago, on the 15th and 16th of December.

James Grant, the young man who is charged with having shot H. Rives Pollard, in Richmond, on Tuesday last, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$10,000 to answer at the February term of Court.

The Tenth Ohio District, which went against Ashley for Congress by 862 majority, gives Grant a majority of 2,588.

Chief Justice Chase is holding Court in Richmond. It is given out that the trial of Jeff. Davis will be further postponed. We suppose they never intend to try him.

A GERMAN wrote an obituary on the death of his wife, of which the following is a copy: "If mine wife had lived until next Friday she would have been dead about two weeks. Nothing is possible with the Almighty. As de tree als so must it stand."

Secretary Seward thinks it will be necessary for the President to issue a proclamation forbidding the firing out of filibustering expeditions to capture Cuba, in our large cities. Recruiting for men to help the rebels is said to be in progress in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans.

"Why is it," said one of our school masters of a young seigneur who had caused much trouble by his bad conduct, "why is it you behaved so well when you first came to school, and are so disobedient now?" "I wasn't much acquainted then," said the young hopeful.

An Irishman, noticing a woman passing along the street, spied two strips depending from under the lady's cloak. Not knowing that these were styled sashes, and were hanging in the right place, he said "Faith, ma'am, your gaiters are untied."

P. F. Kelly, a well-known Philadelphia broker, died Sunday.

Leeds & Co's auction store, in Philadelphia, was burned on Saturday.

The Cole Hiscen murderer trial was continued in Albany on Saturday.

In Buffalo, on Saturday, Christian Karlie was sentenced to be hanged Dec. 6.

The Third Presbyterian Church edifice in Pittsburgh was dedicated Sunday. It cost \$200,000.

Rhodes & Co's dry goods store, in Wheeling, W. Va., was robbed, on Saturday of \$5,000 worth of silks and velvets.

Padden & Sons' brewery in Louisville, was burned on Saturday, and Joseph Woodruff, actor, was killed by the falling of one of the walls.

Thomas Clayton of Great Barrington, Mass., was instantly killed on Saturday by the accidental discharge of his gun, the charge passing through his head.

Dr. Horace B. Wakeman, Superintendent of the Mass. State Almshouse, was arrested on Saturday in a trial for the alleged illegal detention of an inmate of that institution.

J. A. Marsh, late of the firm of Temple & Marsh, brokers in Wall st., New York, was arrested in Memphis on Saturday. He is held awaiting a requisition from the Governor of New York.

Memphis, Nov. 28.—The Appeal's Arkansas correspondence says: "On the 10th, a body of 200 men, claiming to be militia, entered the town of Centra Point, Sevier County, arrested all of the inhabitants, marched them into an open field, and placed a guard over them. They then sacked the town, and departed. On the next day the citizens of the adjoining county flocked into the town. A meeting had been gotten up to express the sentiments of the people, and while the meeting was progressing the same body of men dashed into the town and opened an indiscriminate fire upon the assembly, shooting down a number of them. They arrested three of the oldest citizens, named Hester, Anderson, and Gilbert, and carried them out to the field and shot them. The band are still in possession of the town.

The monster fossil remains of an antediluvian lizard, discovered in New Jersey, have been set up in the Philadelphia Academy of Sciences by Professor Waterhouse Hawkins. It is thirty feet long, and attracts great attention.

On Saturday evening, while Margaret Ludwig, aged sixteen, was setting asleep near a furnace, in Philadelphia, her clothes took fire and before she could be rescued her body was burned to a crisp. She lingered some hours and died in great agony Sunday morning.

The Cincinnati Insurance Companies lose fifteen thousand dollars by the wreck of the steamer "Star of the Union," that was the Buckeye, Central, Enterprise, Boatman's and Union Companies.

Black Suffrage in Pennsylvania.

An article in the *Houstonian*, a public, written by F. P. Pennington, esq., gives so clear an account of the history and present bearing of this subject, that we reproduce it in full:

In 1822 William Penn promulgated "The Frame of Government" of Pennsylvania, under authority of the charter granted him by King Charles II. In this document the right of suffrage in given, without restriction to the "freemen of said province."

In 1791 Penn granted what is known as the "Charter of Privileges." By this instrument the right of suffrage was broadly given to the "freemen of each respective county."

The first constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted in 1776. The convention that framed this instrument was presided over by Benjamin Franklin. It gave the right of suffrage to "every freeman of the full age of 21 years." The men of the Revolution, while asserting their own rights and liberties against proscription, were careful to stand fast to the cardinal idea of the political equality of all men.

In 1790 a new constitution was framed. Thomas Mifflin presided over the convention that made it. This instrument gave the right to vote to "every freeman over the age of 21 years."

In 1838 the constitution was revised. John Sergeant presided over the convention. The basis of suffrage was changed, so as to include only "every white freeman of the age of 21 years."

For one hundred and fifty-six years black men, if black they were, voted in Pennsylvania on precisely the same condition as white men. None of the evils now predicted of black suffrage were experienced. Neither the mental or social equality of the two races was thereby established. Amalgamation, either through matrimony or without was not encouraged. Not a black man was made Governor or Legislator. Social order was not subverted. The Government was not made by white men, for white men, but by all white men, for the benefit of all.

CREDIT AND COIN—BETTER PROSPECTS.—The November coin interest is now about all disbursed and nearly the whole of it has been retained in the country. In addition to the mass of gold thus put upon the market, the Treasury in this city is, at the present time, selling at the rate of \$500,000 per day; and it would seem that the necessities of the Treasury will require considerable sales between now and the close of the year. At the first of the incoming year, or in about a month from this date the January dividends will fall due, and there will then be disbursed nearly \$30,000,000 in coin. Much the greater part of this is due to American bondholders, and we may expect that the whole of it will be retained in the country; for the very large supply of cotton already at the seaboard will presently furnish an amount of exchange sufficient to obviate all danger of our being compelled to make shipments of gold. It will unquestionably be a difficult thing for the speculators to retain the present high premium in the face of the immense outflow from the market from the Treasury, through interest-disbursements and current sales; and their late spasmodic movements and attempted combinations give evidence of their apprehensions, both for the present and the immediate future. Even after the heavy disbursements of the next thirty or forty days, the Government will hold a very great supply of gold in its vaults—the official estimate on the subject being, we believe, \$60,000. In fact, the health and strength of the Treasury at the present time, with the general condition of the finances, and the national prospects, business and political, are of a nature to elevate the public credit at home and abroad. —[N. Y. News.

PRESIDENTIAL MAJORITIES.—As near as can be ascertained, in the absence of official figures, Gen. Grant's majority for President on the popular vote is about 265,000. This is the largest majority ever given except for Mr. Lincoln, in 1864, he receiving 411,281 majority over Gen. McClellan. Eleven States did not vote that year. In 1832, Pierce obtained 214,369 majority over Gen. Scott; but as John P. Hale at the same time received 159,149 votes, Pierce's absolute majority was only 55,220. In 1822, when, according to the traditional belief Gen. Jackson carried the country overwhelmingly against Mr. Clay, he received a popular majority of about 100,000. In 1840, when Gen. Harrison was regarded as having swept the field, he only got 145,009 over Mr. Van Buren. The only candidates who have received an absolute majority of the votes of the people since 1832 are Van Buren, in 1836, Harrison, in 1840, Pierce in 1852, Lincoln, in 1864, and Grant, in 1868. From these statistics it appears that Gen. Grant has now received a larger popular majority than any candidate that ever ran for the Presidency since Electors were chosen by the people, except in the unprecedented instance of 1864.

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