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AN exchange relates that Andrew Smith, of Genoa, Cayuga county, N. Y., found that a blind horse owned by him had fallen into a dry well, a few days ago, and, after various unsuccessful attempts to extricate the unfortunate beast, concluded to give it up and bury him alive.

JUDGE DALE, of Tionesta, recently received a letter from Hon. A. G. Curtin, dated January 26th. He considers the winter unusually mild for Russia but much colder than the severest weather in Pennsylvania.

Minister Curtin is enjoying good health and says the people are truly kind and hospitable.—Warren Mail.

DOWN AGAIN.—Gold touched 110 and closed at 114 on Wednesday. The excitement in the Gold Room yesterday surpassed anything since the "high times" of September. Our best bonds are at par in gold.

Five twenties will soon touch the same point; greenbacks are almost in the nineties, worth this morning 89 1/2, and struggling upward. As far as silver change is concerned we have reached a resumption point.

On the 13th inst., the new law of Canada, depreciating American silver, goes into effect. Our silver coin will then be used in Canada only at a discount of twenty per cent. This is very sure to drive a large amount of silver change over the line again for circulation at home.

ONE OF THE LOST TRIBES.

One of the "lost tribes" has at last turned up, safe and sound, in the shape of a people called the Falashas, who inhabit a district in Abyssinia, which has long remained a terra incognita and a blank space on the maps.

There were about 250,000 of the Falashas. They speak an Agva dialect called Falashian, or Kaillian, and into this language they have translated a Gheez version of the Old Testament. They do not practice polygamy. They circumcise their male children on the seventh day.

They are wholly unacquainted with Hebrew, and know nothing of the ceremonies instituted after the time of Ezra. They have a religious literature written in the style of the Midrath. They keep the Sabbath rigidly; fast on Mondays and Thursdays; keep the 9th of Ab to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem; they wash before and say grace after eating; they have a traditional mode of slaughtering animals for food; they practice commemorative sacrifices on the holy days, and also for the repose of the souls of the dead.

FROM NEW MEXICO.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—The rich deposits recently discovered in New Mexico, are situated near the boundary line of Arizona Territory, and the heart of the Apache country. No small party of whites can safely venture in the neighborhood of the mines, as the Indians are fiercely hostile.

It consists of the blue and sulphurets, the silver ore assaying as high as \$2,000 a ton. The principal lode consists of a mass of silver ore three thousand and six hundred feet in length, one thousand feet in width, and projecting a thousand feet above the level of the surrounding country. The distance from well defined points to the mines are given, as follows: From the line of the projected Southern Pacific, three miles; from Fort Brown, forty miles; from the Members settlement, eighty miles; from Pinos Altos, one hundred miles; from Mesilla one hundred and twenty miles; from El Paso, one hundred and fifty miles; from San Miego, sixty-six miles; and from Sheridan, where supplies must be obtained, eight hundred miles.

ROBERT OF ANOTHER BANK.

The National Bank of New Canaan, Conn., was robbed on the night of March 3, by three New York burglars, who entered the bank about midnight, gagged and bound the watchman, and went to work to drill into the safe. They did not succeed in getting in the blast till five o'clock next morning. When they touched it off the charge was so heavy that it not only blew open the safe but nearly destroyed the building, forcing out windows, &c. The thieves seemed to be frightened by their own work, and did not wait to profit by it. A large amount of money and securities were exposed by the explosion, but only \$1,000 was carried away.

A SAD CALAMITY.

The drying house at Neponset, Mass., was destroyed by fire on the morning of March 2. Six women employed there were burned to death, being unable to escape. The building burned was an old wooden structure, one and a half stories high. The attic, where the unfortunate women were employed assorting cotton and wool, was kept at about 125 degrees Fahrenheit for drying materials. Access to the attic was by a ladder and trap door. The women burned to death were Mrs. Patrick Dunn, Mrs. P. Kennedy, Mrs. Thomas Hurley, Mrs. P. Martin, Mrs. R. Martin, and Mrs. Peter Conniff.

MEXICO.

SANTA FE, March 5.—A gentleman who has just returned from Chihuahua, Mexico, reports that there is great excitement in that and the other border States of Mexico, and that the feeling in favor of the overthrow of President Juarez is strong. Many of the best citizens favor annexation to the United States.

EXECUTION AT HUNTINGDON.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., March 9.—Bohner and Bodenberg, the murderers of the Peightal family, suffered to day the dread penalty of the law for their fearful crime. At 12 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Force and his assistants proceeded to the cell of the prisoners and bound them. In the meantime Sheriff Neely ascended the scaffold and asked that order be maintained by the assembled throng. The prisoners made no resistance, but submitted quietly, and were marched down from their cells at 12 o'clock. First came Bohner with Sheriff Neely, followed by ministers; next came Bodenberg with other ministers. The prisoners walked out boldly. They were dressed in common citizen's dress. Following were the members of the press and the doctors. The prisoners ascended the scaffold with a firm tread. After taking position beneath the halters, prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Sykes. During this prayer, one of the platforms, filled with people, went down with a crash, and created much confusion, but the prisoners were unmoved. After the prayer, Bodenberg made a statement, denying being guilty of the crime for which he was about to suffer. Bohner turned to him, when it was finished, and denied it's truth. After a few exchanges of words between the men, Rev. James C. Clark delivered a most eloquent prayer in English, to which the prisoners listened attentively. At the conclusion of the prayer, ropes were put around the men's necks, and the ministers and officers bid them good-bye. Bodenberg, in a clear, loud voice, then committed his soul to God, and the black caps were drawn over their heads. There was a sensation in the crowd, and many of the spectators turned away. Bohner then commenced to say something in German, during which the sheriff gave the signal, the prop was pulled down, and the men hung at exactly twenty minutes of one. They were so secured and tied, hand and foot, that no motion was perceptible in either. It is supposed their necks were broken instantly. Both of the men were almost friendless, and for a time it was unsettled what disposition should be made of their remains. Bodenberg, it is understood, had requested of his sweetheart that she should take possession of his remains, should she present herself. Bohner's remains will be given to the physicians, and devoted to the development of medical science. It may be safely estimated that nearly ten thousand people were in town to-day. The hotels and restaurants reaped a rich harvest. It was not until after the bodies had been taken down, that all the great concourse of people left the neighborhood of the prison. This execution was perhaps the most public exhibition that has been made in this State for many years. It may be necessary to hang people for committing the crime of murdering a fellow being, but it certainly does not follow that the execution should be made a common "show," whereat greedy speculators make the misfortunes of their fellow men a source of profit. To have some idea of this execution, imagine a half acre of ground, surrounded with a high wall, with hastily-constructed scaffolding extending along each side, at a height sufficient to give a view of all that goes on within, and you will have the scene at Huntingdon to-day.

AN EXCENTRIC GIVER.

The following, concerning a gentleman who has deposited with our State Treasurer an amount of \$100 to pay for an annual dinner to the State prison convicts, will read with interest: "H. C. Dorsey, the Rhode Islander who has given to his own and other States funds, the annual income of which should be expended in roast turkey once a year for the inmates of the penitentiaries, is thus described: He is a painter by trade, and conducts an extensive and lucrative business. He keeps no books, but does everything strictly upon the cash principle. He makes no return of income to the internal revenue department. The following scene is said to have occurred: Enter United States assessor. "Mr. Dorsey, what is your income last year?" "Can't say—keep no accounts; you see by that card my terms are cash, and I live up to them—never put down one cent with a pen." "Can you not give me some idea of your receipts?" "Not the slightest—have made a bargain with Almighty that I will never be richer, and I carry out the contract to the letter; am giving away all along through the year, and at the end of the year have from \$2,000 to \$3,000 left to spend in giving persons roast turkeys; put on what you please by way of tax, and if you should afterward become dissatisfied come again and take another crack." I ventured to ask on what income he was assessed. "Oh," he replied on some \$4,000 or \$5,000.

"He informed me that he comprised a society by himself, of which he was president, treasurer, secretary and board of directors, and that while the poor of his own town were his chief care, he had beneficiaries in many different States. He said that he was formerly much annoyed by applications for loans by persons in want, many of whom he accommodated, but rarely got any returns. He has, therefore, posted this notice over the door of his shop, which is more forcible than elegant, and is certainly from all tincture of Puritanism: "SIGN PAINTING. STOP! No admittance here except on business; No more 'money lent!' I don't mind giving to the needy; I don't mind lending!" "Mr. Dorsey apologized for the roughness of this notice by saying that it was not meant for profanity, but only for emphasis, and recalled that our Saviour's words addressed the Scribes and Pharisees: 'Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell?' Last year Mr. Dorsey offered to the head of a certain prison \$200 on condition that he would give his prisoners a roast turkey dinner; the sum was accepted on that condition. He afterwards learned that the birds were boiled instead of roasted; and he sued for a recovery of the \$200, on the ground of a breach of contract. In relating the circumstance, he remarked: 'If the old gentleman, on the return of his prodigal son, had said, boys, now kill the fatted calf, and roast it for the feast of welcome, how would he felt it, on going into the kitchen, he had found them boiling the calf?' He had himself been in circumstances to know what exquisite pleasure a roast dinner afforded to one who had long been living on sodden food, and he then and there resolved that if he ever had the means he would provide a roast once a year, at least, for a class of men who seldom get anything but boiled food."—Hartford Courant.

THE REWARD FOR THE CAPTURE OF JEFF DAVIS.

Members of the 4th Michigan Cavalry who reside in this county will be pleased to learn that the reward offered by the government for the capture of Jeff Davis is about to be made. The Detroit Tribune of Tuesday last, says: "The persistent efforts of an Ohio company and a Wisconsin regiment to obtain a share has caused the delay, and has also reduced the amount rightly due to the privates of our Michigan 4th Cavalry from \$600 each to \$200. This latter sum is now ready for distribution, the lists having been finally made out and proved, and lodged in the hands of 2nd Auditor of the Treasury for the payment." Two of the members of the 4th Cavalry—Marion R. and Perry D. Pettit—reside in this village. The former was on the ground and assisted in his capture. —Mount Pleasant Enterprise.

A TERRIBLE BOILER EXPLOSION.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred in a rolling mill at Scranton, in this State, on Monday, killing nine workmen and burying upwards of twenty others in the ruins. Cause of the explosion not yet determined.

STARTLING STATISTICS.

Some statistician has been figuring on the cost of an "occasional drink," and the result is positively astonishing. In answer to the question:—"How are so many drinking houses sustained?" he shows that 20 men at 30 cents a day will pay one of the tipping shops \$2,100 a year. A man who pays 30 cents a day for "drinks," pays \$109.50 a year. This is the interest on \$1,564 at 7 per cent, at simple interest. This sum, 30 cent a day, amounts in ten years to \$1,171.95. All this is wasted, paid out for "an enemy that steals away a man's brains" and robs him and his family of every comfort. Intoxicating liquors gave neither strength to the body, vigor to the mind, resolution to the will, elevation to morals, nor dignity to character. Strong drink drags a man down from his high estate deprives all his appetites, and leaves him in want and misery, the mere wreck and semblance of a man.

THE CONSTANT USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

makes hard times for many a man; thus, a family of five persons will consume four barrels of flour a year, or one thousand and fifty-six pounds of bread. This is nearly three pounds a day. Good flour can be bought now for \$7 a barrel; four times seven makes 28; and thirty cents a day for drinks is \$109.50, or \$81.50 more per year than the bread for a family of five persons costs. "But," says A, "I only take two drinks a day." Very well, you pay then for your drinks \$73 a year; only \$45 more than you pay for the bread consumed by your whole family, if it contains five persons. This sum would provide tea and coffee for them.

HERE, THEN, WE SEE THAT THE MAN WHO PAYS.

even twenty cents a day for liquor, spends a sum sufficient to supply his family with bread, tea, and coffee for the year. Is it strange that times are hard, that men complain of the government, and charge that it oppresses them with onerous taxes? The above figures show how men tax themselves, and how they tax the property too.\*

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